

Crucified and Risen Savior, we praise and thank you, now and forever,
and we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to say together:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died; Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Dying, he destroyed our death; rising, he restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration

Song: "Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven"

LUYH 911

The Invitation

The Communion: "Whiter Than Snow"
"Amazing Grace"

Anna Page
Charles W. Ore

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "I Come with Joy"

LUYH 533:5,6

Postlude: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Participants

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Ordinary Time

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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

*Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "Will You Come and Follow Me" D. Bedard

Welcome

*Gathering Song: "I Come with Joy" LUYH 533:1-4

*Call to Worship

Is the Father with us? **The Father is with us!**

Is Christ among us? **Christ is among us!**

Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is here!**

This is our God: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

We are God's people. **We are redeemed.**

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "O God, Beyond All Praising" LUYH 557:1,3

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: "Come, You Disconsolate" LUYH 614

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

Offertory: "Blessed Assurance" E.L. Good

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Open Our Eyes"

Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.

Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17 p.1746

Sermon: "Strange but True Power" Rev. Joel Kok

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger" LUYH 207

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Christ Meets Us at the Table

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel or your elder. This morning the elements will be passed through the rows. Please hold them until all have been served and we will eat together. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Lord, you come to us in might, with a strong arm to rule every creature.

And then you feed your flock like a shepherd;

you gather your lambs and gently lead those who are with young.

Lord, you are the Lion of Judah and the Lamb

who takes away the sin of the world.

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