

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: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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# Ordinary Time

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### Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*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

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Romans 15:9-12)

\*Gathering Song: "Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

**Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)**

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)**

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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For you Jesus Christ came as a stranger.  
For you, he lived the life of a sojourner. For you, he died an outsider.  
For you, he conquered death and ascended to heaven,  
assuring your welcome as a citizen in the Kingdom of God.  
Because of his great love and endless hospitality,

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Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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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 concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

The Communion: "All Are Welcome"

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"We Will Feast In the House of Zion"

**Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.**

**1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood,  
upheld, protected, gathered up. (chorus)**

**2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (chorus)**

**3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom. (chorus)**

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**2. Where there is blindness, we will pray for sight;  
where there is darkness, we will shine His light.  
Where there is sadness, we will bear their grief,  
to the millions crying for release.  
We will be His instruments of peace. (to chorus)**

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\*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #34  
**In our world, where many journey alone,  
nameless in the bustling crowd,  
Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;  
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—  
those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ.  
In the new community all are welcome:  
the homeless come home, the broken find healing,  
the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed,  
the least are honored, and the last are first.  
Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.**

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 we will come forward to receive the elements. 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 have compassion on every creature you have made;

Father in heaven, you sent your Son not to condemn

but so that the world can be saved.

Triune God, you are forming us to live in your love and reflect your glory.

Loving God, we thank you, now and forever, through Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels

and the whole creation to sing:

know that you are forgiven and free to live as one who is blessed by the love of that stranger, our Savior. And to that we can say:  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.

Offertory Song: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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## 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 15:1-13

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Sermon: “Wide Mercy”

Rev. Joel Kok

## We Respond with Thanksgiving

\*Song of Response: “Instruments of Your Peace”

**Chorus: Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,  
where there is hatred let Your love increase;  
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace,  
walls of pride and prejudice shall cease  
when we are Your instruments of peace**

**1. Where there is hatred, we will sow His love;  
where there is injury, we will never judge.  
Where there is striving, we will speak His peace  
to the people crying for release.  
We will be His instruments of peace. (to chorus)**

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