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† 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: Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*Gathering Song: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" LUYH 224:1,2,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "God of Wonders" LUYH 4

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession (based on Isaiah 12:1-6) p.1078

Wondrous God,
who sets suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ:

how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

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 World Renew's World Hunger Campaign, which responds to hunger and brings sustainable hope to the 821 million people around the world who are hungry today.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Soon and Soon"

LUYH 482

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: Luke 23:32-43

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Sermon: "Paradoxical Power"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your love in creation:

we bless your holy name.

For human beings made in your image and called to live in your communion,

we bless your holy name.

For the promise of your reign in justice and peace, in holiness and charity,

we bless your holy name.

For the revelation of your kingdom in our midst through your Son, Jesus Christ,

we bless your holy name.

For his humble birth and his holy life, for his words and his wondrous signs,

we bless your holy name.

For his sufferings and his death, for his resurrection and his entry into glory,

we bless your holy name.

For your church, called to be a place of communion for every human being,

we bless your holy name.

For the coming of your kingdom within us by the gift of the Holy Spirit,

we bless your holy name.

By the coming of your kingdom at the end of time, when you will be all in all,

we bless your holy name.

*Song of Response: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" LUYH 225

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

Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Amen.

Song of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

LUYH 622:1,4

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.
And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death,
so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God.
Brothers and sisters: through the cross of Christ
we are forgiven and reconciled to God.

Praise be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving: "O Praise the Name (Anastasis)"

**1. I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Saviour on that cursed tree.**

**2. His body bound and drenched in tears,
they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.**

Chorus:

**O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.**

For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

**3. Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.**

**4. He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.**

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