

will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

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, which reaches out in God's name to people in North America and around the world who struggle with poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice to help them find lasting ways to improve their lives.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

*Closing Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit come invade us now.

We are Your church; we need Your pow'r in us.

2. We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt the sick the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church; we pray revive this earth.

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

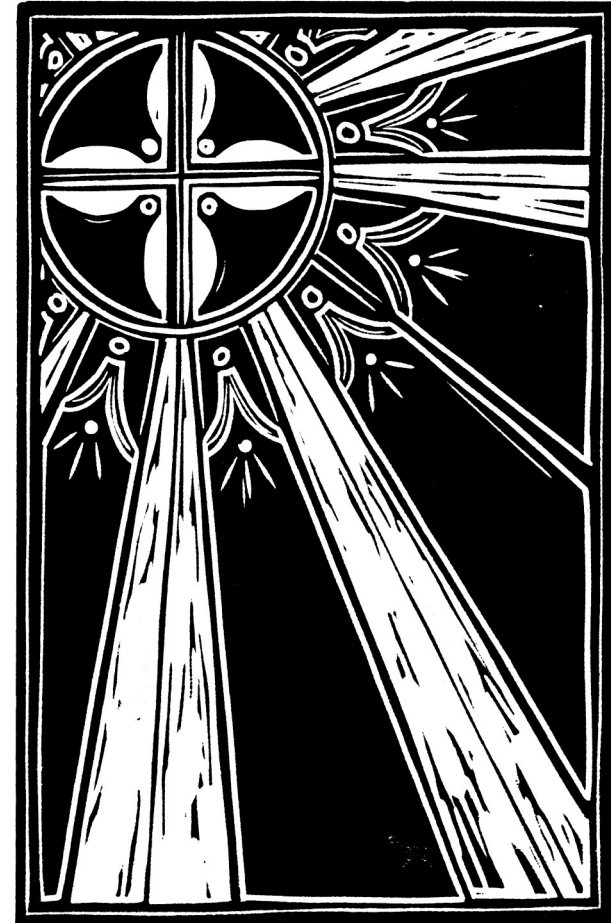
We are Your church; we are the hope on earth. (chorus)

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*Benediction

Worship Participants

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Amie Smit ♦ Guitar: Joe Bartels ♦ Guitar: Joe Bartels ♦ Bass: Emilyn Smit
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Prayer of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1,4,5,8 p.864

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.**

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

*Song of Praise: “The Lord Is My Light” LUYH 431

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise: “Immortal Invisible” LUYH 579:1,4
“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come”

1. Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.

**Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you,
the Lord will arise upon you.**

Chorus: Nations will come to Your light, lift up your eyes and see:

***we’ll gather together and come to You
and your love will be all that we know.***

Your love will be all that we know.

2. Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.

**Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
redemption to all who believe. (to chorus)**

*Bridge: The sun will not shine ‘cause you’ll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease. (2x)*

We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.

Renewal

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17 p.1500

Prayer of Confession

Statement of Assurance: I John 1:5-7 p.1898

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live out the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Thanks be to God.

Word

Children’s Blessing: “Christ, Be Our Light” (*chorus only*) LUYH 908

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: Isaiah 9:1-7 p.1072

Sermon: “Light that Liberates” Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: “Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion” LUYH 127

*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #6

We rejoice in the goodness of God,

renounce the works of darkness,

and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,

we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in the world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,

we expect the Day of the Lord.

We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness

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