

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

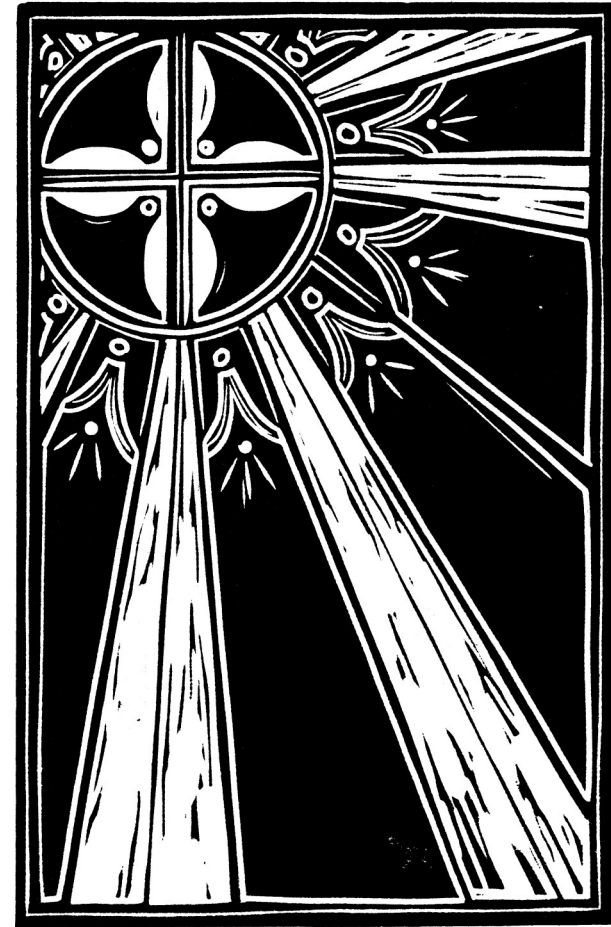
Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

*Song: "This Little Light of Mine" LUYH 930

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

**Prayer of the Day**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Worship Participants

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra ♦ Banjo: Luke Hawley ♦ Banjo: Rob Haan
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Reader: Jim Schaap

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Gathering

Welcome

*Gathering Song: "Gather Us In" LUYH 529:1,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

and all the peoples have seen your glory.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us worship with one heart and mind.

*Song: "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.

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*Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1,3

Renewal

Lectionary Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and Sisters,

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to Him in true repentance.

Therefore, trust in Christ, who breaks the bonds of our sin,

and covers us in mercy.

Trusting in God's covenant love, declare with me the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Guide for Grateful Living

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

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: Matthew 5:13-20

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Sermon: "Drama Fulfilled"

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "All Are Welcome"

LUYH 269:1,2,4

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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