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## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Song: "The Greatest Commandment"

*Part 1:*

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind  
and love your neighbor as yourself. (repeat)***

*Part 2:*

***Let us be known, let us be known by the way we love. (repeat)***

*Part 3:*

***Love, love, love,  
the greatest commandment is love, love, love,  
the greatest commandment is love, love, love,  
the greatest commandment is love.***

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### Genesis 17:7

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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### Worship Participants

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 22)

\*Song: "Lord Most High"

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\*Opening Prayer

\*Song: "We Will Feast"

*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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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

## We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Call to Confession: "Return to God"

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 22:24-31

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Song: "Return to God"

*Soloist sings the 1st time, congregation joins the 2nd time through*

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

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You blessed Abraham and Sarah

and all families with Isaac.

You give us all new birth in Christ.

You turn our mourning into dancing

and you promise to wipe away every tear.

**With praise and joy, we thank you, now and forever,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Institution: I Corinthians 11

The Consecration

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restore 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.**

**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

*We invite you to come to one of the communion stations when you feel ready  
and ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats. We will eat and drink  
together after all are served. We invite you to sing when you are seated.*

The Communion: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

**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 Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God**

While justly angry,  
God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction  
but turned to face it in love.

**With patience and tender care  
the Lord set out on the long road of redemption  
to reclaim the lost as his people  
and the world as his kingdom.**

The Lord promised to be God to Abraham, Sarah, and their children,  
calling them to walk faithfully before him  
and blessing the nations through them.

God chose Israel to show the glory of his name,  
the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways.

**The Lord gave them the law through Moses  
and led them by rulers and teachers,  
shaping a people in whom God is revealed—  
a light to the nations.**

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  
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Our world belongs to you.**

Prayers for the Church and World

## God Meets Us in the Breaking of the Bread

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Creator and Redeemer God,  
with you nothing is impossible.**

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Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

Dear Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us,  
committing to us and inviting us to walk with you,  
asking us to walk before you.

Yet we have resisted, preferring to go in different ways,  
seeking other compassion, thinking we know best.

Now we find ourselves far from life, farther still from you.

Will you help us find our way back?

**Have mercy on our waywardness, Father.**

**Stir us to accept what you have to offer,**

**gift us with faith**

**so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News:

the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children's Blessing: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

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Children ages 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to go 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. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-21

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Sermon: "Covenant, Hearing, and Blessings"

Pastor Joel Kok

## We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: "Loving Spirit"

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*Sung to the tune of "The Servant Song," LUYH 309*