

We Offer our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer 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; this "fair share" contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: "My Only Comfort" LUYH 434

*Song: "By the Sea of Crystal" LUYH 489:1,2

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "By the Sea of Crystal" LUYH 489:3

Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ✦ Organ: Donna Brue ✦ Piano: Mike Janssen
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Epiphany

The story of Scripture celebrates the expansive vision of God's Kingdom. The hope of new creation is not just for our individual salvation and not just for the healing of our own pain, but for the re-creation of all things. With this wider framework, we celebrate God's call to diligently join God's work in redeeming the whole cosmos.

"To learn about the earth is to experience extravagant beauty, awesome vistas and chasms, intense drama, sublime elegance, grace, dignity, and overwhelming wonder. The briefest of insights about the earth opens human experience, where we can effortlessly speak of religious themes, of wonder and awe, living silence, beauty, life-abundant, and goodness."

-Heather Eaton

"I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you. And I think to myself, what a wonderful world."

-Louis Armstrong

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Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:
 Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness
 we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your
 grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please
 you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 148

Praise God from the heavens!

Praise Him from the skies above!

Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Praise God all creatures great and small,

praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

praise Him, men and women, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,
at whose word creation came into being.

We gather to praise and worship our God!

*Song of Praise: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

LUYH 6:1,2

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "God of Wonders"

LUYH 4

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Genesis 3:16-19

Sung Prayer of Confession: "Oh God"

Oh God, forgive us for this mess we've left.

Forgive us for the things we've done to you and to each other.

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Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17

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Song of Assurance: "Beautiful Things"

***1. All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change at all.***

***2. All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;
could a garden come up from this ground at all?***

***Chorus: You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.***

***3. All around hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in You. (to chorus)***

***Bridge: You make me new, you are making me new.
You make me new, you are making me new.***

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Come, Lord Jesus"

***Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus:
come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel:
come and be born in our hearts.***

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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 8:18-27

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Sermon: "Cosmic Hope!"

Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "In Labor All Creation Groans"

***In labor all creation groans 'til fear and hatred cease,
'til human hearts come to believe in Christ alone is peace.***

Chorus: Be our peace, be our peace, be our peace, Christ, our peace.

***In labor all creation groans 'til prejudice shall cease,
'til every race and tribe and tongue in Christ will live in peace.***

***In labor all creation groans 'til false divisions cease,
'til enemies are reconciled and Christ alone their peace.***

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