

*Song of Response: "We Are One in Christ Jesus"

LUYH 255

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 Tuition Assistance Fund which helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith: "The Communion of Saints"

LUYH 245

*Song: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

LUYH 876

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People"

LUYH 927

Worship Participants

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*Through the power of the spirit with gratitude in my heart,
 I (re)/commit to building up the body at Covenant by:*

Epiphany

February 26, 2017



Collect

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and place,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

*Song of Praise: "God Is Here" LUYH 246:1,3,4

*Opening Prayer

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

**1. Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King;
let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**2. Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
walking justly before Him, loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

Chorus

**King of Heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**3. Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in Him. (to chorus)**

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We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Song: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" LUYH 741

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith:
we confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us,
that we are slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.
God, have mercy on us.
Forgive our divisions and, by your Spirit, draw us together.
Inflame us with a desire to do your will
and be your faithful people
for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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Assurance of Pardon

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

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: Ephesians 4:1-13 p.1821

Sermon: "Called and Equipped" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer