

## 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 an opportunity for the Christian community to work together in financially supporting the local Christian schools by giving contributions through our church.

### We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Responding with Gratitude: The Ten Commandments LUYH 722

\*Song: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" LUYH 356

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 964

### Worship Participants

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# Ordinary Time

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### Psalm 100:1-2

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*Song: "Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace" LUYH 7

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" LUYH 510

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: I John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

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

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

Prayer of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH 622

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8, 5:1, Colossians 1:13-14

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless,  
Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person,

though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "My Soul Finds Rest" LUYH 370

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Is Our King" (*chorus only*) LUYH 602

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: Acts 19:23-41 p.1727

Sermon: "Only Two Hours!" Pastor Herm Van Niejenhuis

\*Song of Response: "Psalm 147: Sing to God, with Joy"

Chorus

***Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude;  
with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.***

***1. God unites His scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,  
heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.***

***2. Such is God's great power and wisdom none can calculate or tell;  
keen is God to ground the wicked and with humble folk to dwell.***

***3. God with clouds the sky has curtained, thus ensuring rain shall fall;  
earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small.***

***4. God's discernment never favors strength or speed to lift or move;  
God delights in those who fear Him, trusting in His steadfast love.***