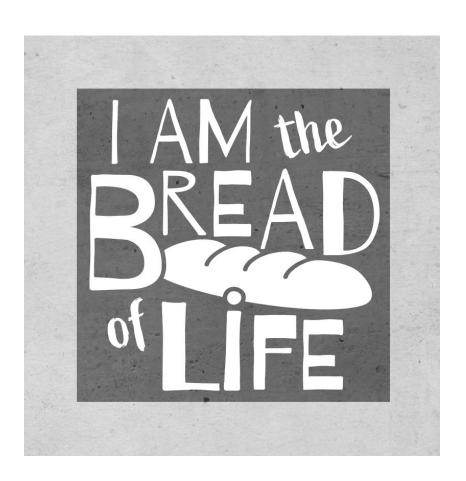
Ordinary Time

August 15, 2021



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok → Piano: Mike Janssen → Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Sound: Dennis DeJong → Video: Marty Vander Plaats → CCLI #493458 → OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

John 6:54-56

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

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Sending

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Gathering

Welcome

Creation Litany and Call to Worship

*Song: "Rejoice in All Your Works"

 Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath, every eye that searches through the dark for light all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Chorus: Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth!

Every creature you have made declares your praise.

We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace!

With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!

- 2. Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest, every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food.
 From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. (to chorus)
- 3. May the pond'rings of my heart, and the song upon my lips, with the chorus of creation join in praise:
 to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
 to the Son who over all creation reigns! (to chorus)

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "This Is My Father's World"

LUYH 21

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

 This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children with My Blessing" LUYH 946:1,3

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing—You are my own.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Word

Children's Message & Song: "Open Our Eyes"

Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see. Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 6:51-59 p.1658

Message: "Sacramental Life" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Eat This Bread"

LUYH 818

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

LUYH 783A

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and World

3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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Renewal

Call to Confession

Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers

to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.

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Redeemed by Jesus, the Word made flesh,

we are invited to eat and drink that Word, to taste and see that He is good.

Yet often we neglect our calling and ignore His invitation.

Remembering leads us to confess our sin and to yearn for God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, we confess that we have too often used your beautiful world to satisfy our own desires, laying waste, destroying its delicate balance, denying the interconnectedness of all you have made.

Forgive us.

Creating Word made flesh, you have revealed yourself in the world around us, in your inspired word, and in the supper you host that we may see, take, eat, and know your goodness, and the abundant life you promise.

Yet too often, distracted by our own routines and the clamor of our lives, we take your gifts for granted,

blind to the life-giving feast of word and Word you offer.

Forgive us.

Song of Confession: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

LUYH 823:1,3,5

- 1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all, from fullest bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to hear your call.
- 3. We taste you, ever living Bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.
- 5. O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright! Chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world your holy light!

Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 130, John 6)