

**We thank God that he has gifted so many among us
and made them willing to serve as teachers and leaders.
As they help us grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we promise them our prayers and support.**

The Charge and Vows of the Educational Staff

...To indicate your willingness to accept the joys and responsibilities
of this calling, we now ask:

1. Do you promise to point your students to Jesus Christ and to teach the truths
of God's revelation in the Bible?
2. Do you promise to teach and live in such a way that you are an example to
those who learn?
3. Do you promise that you will pray for your students and encourage them to
grow in faith and godliness?
4. Do you promise to live in close fellowship with the Lord and rely on the Holy
Spirit to help you in this wonderful work?

Teachers/Leaders: We do, God helping us.

Charge to All Disciples

*Song: "We Are An Offering"

LUYH 874

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Tell Your Children"

LUYH 314

Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Worship Leader: Duane Bajema
Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ 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.

Psalm 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 78:3-7 p.915

*Song: "We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH 562

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

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

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Word

Children's Blessing & 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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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: Psalm 8 p.848

Message: "Work and Worship and Weave" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven" LUYH 911

*We Profess Our Faith: Heidelberg Q&A 110,111

What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.
But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling
in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves,
whether by force or means that appear legitimate,
such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume;
fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest;
or any other means forbidden by God.**

**In addition God forbids all greed
and pointless squandering of his gifts.**

What does God require of you in this commandment?

**That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good,
that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,
and that I work faithfully
so that I may share with those in need.**

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

Commissioning of Church Education Leaders

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ here at Covenant, Paul has taught us in Ephesians 4 that "it was (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." In order that every person following Jesus Christ may strive for such goals our church provides a vital program of education and discipleship.