

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Psalm 126"

- 1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!*

*Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
the seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

- 2. The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!*

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Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.



Worship Participants

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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.

Job 1:20b-21

Then [Job] fell to the ground in worship and said:

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.*

*The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised."*

Gathering

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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LUYH 575:1,2,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

LUYH 343

Renewal

Call to Confession (based on Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)

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Prayer of Confession

For the times we have lied to one another
and the times we have been lied to,

heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have laughed at another's pain
and the times we have been laughed at,

heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,

heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have not respected another's freedom
to be different from us,

heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have betrayed a friend
and the times we have been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

O God of heaven and earth,
you emptied yourself of your power
and became a helpless baby
in order that you might heal the sick world.

**Teach us to empty ourselves of the things
that destroy us and keep us alone.**

**Empty us of our jealousy,
of our meanness,
of our fear of others.**

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-20

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Song of Thanksgiving: "Not What My Hands Have Done"

LUYH 624

Word

Children's Blessing: "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart" LUYH 761:1

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten 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: Job 23

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Message: "Friends with Wisdom"

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

Song of Response: "When Peace like a River"

LUYH 451:1,2,4

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

LUYH 783A

Prayers for the Church and World