



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.

Ruth 4:14-15

Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

Gathering

Prelude: "Let All Things Now Living"
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

arr. B. Walters
arr. M. Burkhardt

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

*Song of Praise: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

LUYH 6

Chorus will be sung after the 3rd verse only.

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Table of Plenty"

LUYH 808:1-3

Renewal

Prayer for World Hunger Sunday

Oh God, what love you have lavished on us that we can call ourselves your children. *(1 John 3:1)* You have made us good, and you have invited us to join you in your good work. *(Genesis 1)*

Today, may we listen to your words.

May we come to deeply understand your heart for justice

in the world around us. *(Matthew 13)*

Jesus has taught us to offer living water to the thirsty. *(John 4)*

Jesus has shown us how to fill the hungry with good things. *(Luke 1)*

We long to follow in the way of Jesus,

doing your will and accomplishing your work.

We long to faithfully carry one another's burdens. *(John 4:34)*

We know the suffering of the world matters to you. From empty bellies to the evil of racism, your heart aches for those who experience ongoing harm and need. The Psalmist says you collect each tear in a bottle and record it in your book. *(Psalm 56)* You also remind us that you are the God of restoration, bringing healing to the oppressed and forgotten. Your righteousness will shine upon all who fear your name. *(Malachi 4)*

We praise you in spirit and truth.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LUYH 936

Postlude: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

R. Hobby

Table

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

LUYH 538:1

The Institution: I Corinthians 11

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served.

The Communion: “Gift of Finest Wheat”

LUYH 815

“Eat This Bread”

LUYH 818

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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.

Loving God, we will stand on these promises as a rock. Let your love flow through us and do immeasurably more than we can even ask or imagine. *(Colossians 3:11)* Let us share your love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. Let us not withhold good when it is in our power to act. *(1 John 3:18, Proverbs 3:27)*

And to you, God of plenty, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. *(Ephesians 3:21)*

Song: “Take Us as We Are, O God”

LUYH 862:1,3,4

Words of Assurance (from Psalm 146:5-10)

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The Lord reigns forever, Your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Bringing our Peter Fish & 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

Dramatic Scripture Reading: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

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Message: “Our Bethlehem Town”

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