

## We Go Out with Joy

\*Song: "Joy to the World"

LUYH 92:1,3,4

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "The Hallelujah Chorus"

G.F. Handel

*We invite you to stand as we hear the string ensemble play.*

*Hallelujah!*

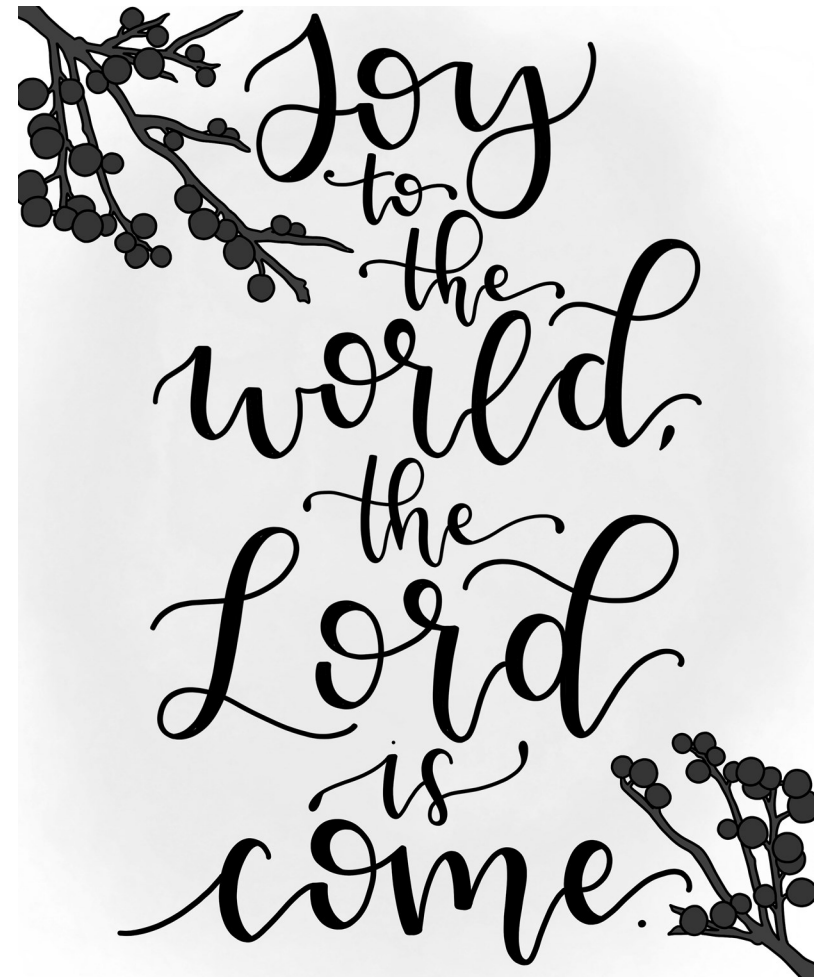
*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.*

*The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.*

*And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*Hallelujah!*

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

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Candle Lighter: Corrie DeVries  
 Strings: Kinza Brue, Rylan Brue, Hannah Landman, James Rylaarsdam, Tim Rylaarsdam,  
 Jocelyn Zonnefeld

Sound: Andy Landman ♦ 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.



### Luke 2:10-12

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" D. Giardiniere  
 "Coventry Carol" D. Giardiniere  
 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting

\*Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2,4

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

## We Celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World

\*Songs: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:1,3  
 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" LUYH 93:1,3

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Pastor: How beautiful on the mountains  
 are the feet of those who bring good news,  
 who proclaim good tidings, who proclaim salvation,  
 who say to Zion, "Your God Reigns!"

Men: **Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
 together they shout for joy.  
 When the Lord returns to Zion,  
 they will see it with their own eyes.**

Women and children:

**Burst into songs of joy together,  
 you ruins of Jerusalem,  
 for the Lord has comforted his people,  
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

All: **The Lord will lay bare his holy arm  
 in the sight of all the nations  
 and all the ends of earth  
 will see the salvation of our God.**

Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80:1,2

Prayer

Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LUYH 80:3

## God Speaks to us Through His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 p.1590

Message: "Ponder with a Purpose" Pastor Joel Kok

## God Is with Us at the Table

The Thanksgiving

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

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

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may eat and drink the bread and juice at the table or you may take them back to your seats to partake there.*

The Communion: "Silent Night" LUYH 85

Acclamation of Praise: Luke 2:29-32 p.1592

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
 you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
**For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
 and the glory of your people Israel.**