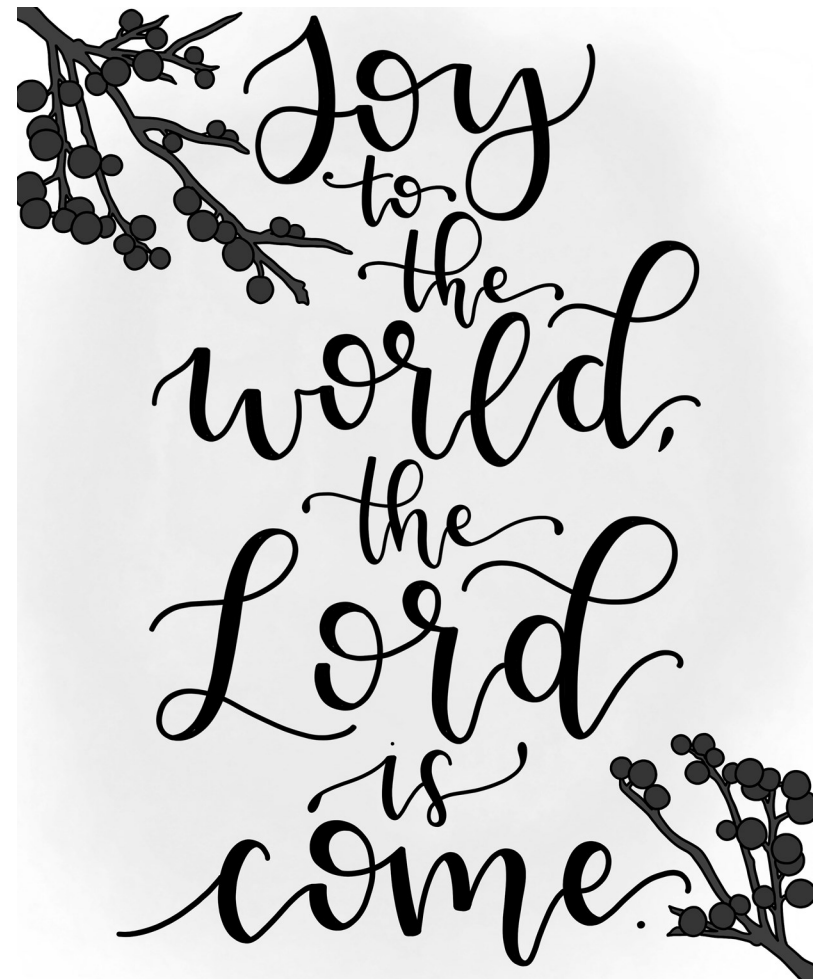


Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022



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Ephesians 1:9-10

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle: John 1:1-5,14 p.1645

*Songs: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2
 "Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" LUYH 99

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Creation Sings the Father's Song"

1. **Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
 and run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.**

**His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
 He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.**

**Chorus: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"
 Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.**

2. **Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
 unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.**

**A second Adam walked the earth,
 whose blameless life would break the curse,
 whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. (to chorus)**

3. **Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
 the bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age. When He re-
 news the land and sky, all heaven will sing and earth reply with one re-
 splendent theme: the glory of our God and King! (to chorus)**

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, your word tells us that through Jesus
 you bring all things together in unity.

But we sometimes feel as if all things are falling apart.

Direct our lives and restore our hope with your good news.

Lord God, your word tells us that you have made known to us
 the mystery of your will.

*Closing Song: "All Glory Be to Christ"

**1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
 unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
 A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.**

Chorus:

**All glory be to Christ, our king! All glory be to Christ!
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

**2. His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above,
 who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him, the Lord of love.
 Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
 we'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ. (to chorus)**

**3. When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
 the Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
 Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
 And we shall e'er his people be; all glory be to Christ. (to chorus)**

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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.

Table

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

The Consecration

Therefore, we 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

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: "Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840

Response of Thanksgiving

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All praise and glory are yours, O God,

for the richness of your grace,

for the splendor of your gifts,

for the wonder of your love. Amen.

Sending

*Benediction

Yet we don't always understand and impatiently ask for clarity.

Direct our lives and restore our hope with your good news.

Lord God, your word tells us that you have adopted us as your children.

But often we feel alone and forgotten.

Direct our lives and restore our hope with your good news.

Forgive us for our arrogance, our lack of faith, and our impatience.

Make us grateful for your promises even as we work and wait. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:6-13

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There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,
so that through him all might believe.

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God—

children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will,
but born of God.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Thanksgiving: "Joy to the World"

LUYH 92:1,3

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "Away in a Manger"

LUYH 86:1

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, you are welcome to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

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Message: "The Mystery Made Known"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Come, Holy Ghost"

LUYH 232:1,2,4