First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

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: "One Bread, One Body"

LUYH 835

"There Is a Redeemer"

LUYH 833

*Song of Thanksgiving: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

LUYH 831:4

Sending

*Benediction

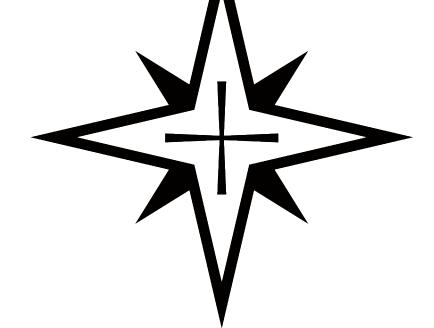
*Closing Song: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

LUYH 105:1,4,5

Postlude: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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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

Pastor: Dr. David Westfall, Rev. Phil Postma → Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee
Worship Leader: Jill Friend

Sound: Dennis DeJong → Video: Jason Wyenberg → 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.

Isaiah 60:1,2

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

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Gathering

Prelude: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

W. Pelz. M. Burkhardt

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us.

For the Lord will be our light and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light and our days of sorrow will end.

Come, let us sing to our light and our salvation!

*Song: "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come"

LUYH 103:1,3,5

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" LUYH 111:1,2,3,6

Renewal

Call to Confession: John 3:19 p.1650

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:9,12 p.1646

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God.

Thanks be to God!

LUYH 709:1,2 Song of Thanksgiving: "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p.1594

Dr. David Westfall Message: "Between Two Epiphanies"

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God,

for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image,

and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who came as the light of the world

to show us your way of truth in parables and miracles.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels

and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11