Sending

*Closing Song: "Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord"

- 1.Come, my soul, and bless the LORD, all within me bless his name!
 Come, my soul, and bless the LORD; and forget not all his grace:
 all your sins the LORD forgives, all your sicknesses he heals.
 He redeems you from the pit; his compassion he reveals.
- 2. He will crown you with his love, with his tender mercies true, and he fills your life with good; like the eagle, youth renews. God, the righteous judge, defends all oppressed and broken ones, showing Moses all his ways and his deeds to Isr'el's sons.
- 7. His unfailing righteousness shall to children's children be, to the ones who cov'nant keep and his good commandments heed. God the LORD has set his throne; in the heavens it shall stand, and his sov'reign kingdom rules over all at his command.

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*Benediction

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 boxes 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: Donna Brue
Worship Leaders: Rebecca DeVries, Ryan Zonnefeld → Readers: Steve Crull, Levi Landman
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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.

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022



Cairn (n) *Gaelic*: heap of stones

"Cairns are about...communication, cairns are arguably one of humanity's earliest ways of sharing information, connection, in that people often build a cairn or add a stone to one as a means of connecting to place, history, and/or family, and a sign of community, each time we build one or rely on one we are bonding with those who came before and will come later."

-David B. Williams, author of Cairns, Messengers in Stone

"These rocks will help the Israelites remember this forever."

-Joshua 4:7 ERV

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Gathering

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Song: "God Himself Is with Us"

LUYH 565

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "We Will Remember"

Chorus:

We will remember. We will remember.
We will remember the works of your hands.
We will stop and give you praise,
for great is your faithfulness.

- 1. You're our creator, our life sustainer, deliverer, our comfort, our joy. Throughout the ages, you've been our shelter, our peace in the midst of the storm. (to chorus)
- With signs and wonders you've shown your power; with precious blood you showed us your grace. You've been our helper, our liberator, the giver of life with no end. (to chorus)
 - 3. When we walk through life's darkest valleys, we will look back at all you have done; and we will shout our God is good, and He is the faithful one. (to chorus)

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Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Prayer of Confession and Renewal
Loving God, it is good for us to remember
that all we have and all we are is from you.
Meet us in our singing and in our silence
and remind us again that you are God and we are not.

Song: "Be Still and Know"

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 the bread and juice at the table or you may take them back to your seats to partake there.

The Communion: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew" LUYH 685
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
 precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
 bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)

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*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-5

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Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Table

Litany of Remembrance

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old (Ps. 25:6).

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me,

for you are good, O Lord (Ps. 25:7).

"The time is coming," declares the Lord,

"when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...

For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more (Jer. 31:31,34).

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He remembers his covenant forever (Ps. 111:4-5).

Remember the gracious love of our Father in heaven

who made us children of his own possession.

Remember Jesus Christ,

sent by the Father to share our human nature,

to live and to die as one of us,

and so to move us from the alienation of sin and death,

to reconcile us to God our Father

by his perfect sacrifice,

and through his suffering, death, and resurrection

to save all who put their trust in him.

Remember the Holy Spirit, who teaches us these things

and makes the effects of Christ's salvation real in our lives.

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Memorial Acclamation

According to his commandment:

we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory.

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.

Silence

Forgiving God, we confess our temptation to do it all.

You know too well that we forget what you have done for us.

You give us everything we need,

yet we often remain unsatisfied.

You tell us you are always with us,

Yet we look for others to rescue us.

You ask us to put our trust in you,

yet we would rather trust ourselves.

Forgive us and remind us of who you are.

Song: "Be Still and Know"

LUYH 907:1

Covenant God.

We will remember your saving acts.

We will remember that you have and will daily sustain us.

We will remember that you are always with us.

We place our trust in you as the God who forgives all our sins

and heals all our diseases. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: "Be Still and Know"

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In you, O Lord, we put our trust. (repeat)

I am the Lord who heals your life. (repeat)

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "God Is So Good"

LUYH 777:1

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: Luke 4:1-13

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Message: "Daily Deliverance"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" LUYH 132:1-3