

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022



## Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Mike Janssen ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ♦ Bass: Jake Miller  
 Drums: Christian Lief ♦ Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries ♦ Readers: Ruth Clark, Lauren Vander Plaats  
 Sound: Nick Breems ♦ 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.

## 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

## Gathering

Welcome & Opening Prayer

\*Song of Praise: "Blessed Be Your Name"

LUYH 343

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Psalm 126"

1. ***Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord***

***Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing  
the seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!***

2. ***The nations will say, "He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord! (to chorus)***

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## Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

The Gospel Reading: The Parable of the Sower

-based on Luke 8, Mark 4, Matthew 13

NWC Drama Ministries Ensemble

Prayer of Renewal

Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

LUYH 140

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

## Thank You!

Thank you to the NWC Drama Ministries Ensemble for being part of our worship service today and helping the scripture to come alive through the telling of "The Parable of the Sower."

You can find more information about the Drama Ministries Ensemble and each of the participants on a flier located on the table with the bulletins.

And we look forward to their return to Covenant on April 24 when they will present "The Road to Emmaus" at our Vespers service.

### The Invitation

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

### The Communion: “Christ Is the Life of the World”

**1. In Christ we offer all that He has offered, the perfect offering.  
Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.**

**So we remember all that he remembered, the whole of love returned.  
Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.**

**Chorus: Let us lift up, lift our hearts! Let us lift up, lift our hearts!  
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.**

**3. Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things, radiant in holiness.  
Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.  
Christ is the life of the world.**

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The Communion: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LUYH 173

\*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1, 17-19 p.939

**Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
From everlasting to everlasting  
the Lord’s love is with those who fear him,  
and his righteousness with their children’s children—  
with those who keep his covenant  
and remember to obey his precepts.  
The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.**

## Sending

\*Closing Song: “Bless the Lord, My Soul” LUYH 836

\*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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126 p.967

Message: “The Dreams and the Streams” Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: “What Wondrous Love” LUYH 164:1,3,4

## 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 & 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.**