

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: "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770
 "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" LUYH 708

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

**Praise the Lord, O my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
 Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—
 who forgives all your sins and heals all your disease,
 who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion.**

*Song: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LUYH 193:1,3,7
All who wish to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," please gather at the front of church during the singing of this song. Music will be available in the front.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "The Hallelujah Chorus"

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.

**Luke 24:5b-9**

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

† Rock Art by Patti Rokus

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee

Readers: Verlyn & June DeWit, Cal & Sally Jongsma, Dave & Jeri Schelhaas

Brass: Ruth Clark, Laremy DeVries, Mike Janssen, Sara Ploegstra, Ryan Smit

Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ 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.



Gathering

Prelude: "Alleluias"

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Robert Lau

John Ferguson

Welcome & Call to Worship: Luke 24:1-8

*Song of Praise: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LUYH 182:1,2,5

*Prayer of Invocation

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "See, What a Morning"

LUYH 181

*Affirmation of Faith (based on I Cor. 15:3-7, Col. 1:15-20)

This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:3-4

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Song of Renewal: "Beautiful Things"

***You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.***

You make me new, you are making me new. (repeat)

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Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand" LUYH 708 (chorus)

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 24:13-35

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Message: "Hope Against Hope"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LUYH 205:1,2,4

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.

...therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole of 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.

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Let us we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

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.