

1. *We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood,  
upheld, protected, gathered up. (chorus)*

2. *In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (chorus)*

3. *Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom. (chorus)*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 964

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 ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries  
Worship Leader: Emily Kramer

Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Video: Tom Clark ♦ 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.



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



### Romans 6:3-4

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

† Rock Art by Patti Rokus

## Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet,  
but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

\*Song of Praise: "Ancient Words" LUYH 762

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Across the Lands" LUYH 775

## Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Call to Worship (based on Hebrews 4:14,16) p.1866

Prayer of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH 623:1-3

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:3-4 p.1754

Prayers for the Church and World

## Word

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

**Leader & Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

**Leader & Congregation: God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

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: Acts 9:1-19a p.1706

Message: "A New Kinship" Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious" LUYH 252:1,2

## 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.**

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our 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 partake at the table or take them back to your seats to partake there.*

The Communion: "In Christ There Is No East or West" LUYH 268  
"We Will Feast"

*Chorus:*

**We will feast in the house of Zion.**

**We will sing with our hearts restored.**

**He has done great things, we will say together.**

**We will feast and weep no more.**

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