

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



Worship Participants

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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.



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.

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God of grace,
whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven,
even as we gather here before your face,
may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**By the power of your Spirit,
help us to lift up our hearts in praise,
to receive your lavish gifts stored up for us in Christ,
and to live as your faithful children and witnesses
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

**May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

**May the peoples praise you, God,
may all the peoples praise you.**

*Song of Praise: “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” LUYH 526

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH 7:1,2,4

Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we come to you in the name of Jesus,
believing your word that you loved us before we could ever love you.
We come as sinners who daily think, act, and speak in ways
that mar the harmony of our own lives and those around us.
We need your forgiveness.
Trusting in the power of your Spirit,
we long to turn away from all that keeps us from living fully in you.

**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 it back to your seats to partake there.

The Communion: “There Is a Redeemer” LUYH 833
“Let Us Break Bread Together” LUYH 837

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Sing! A New Creation” LUYH 797:1,3

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.

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 16:6-15

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Message: "The Spirit and Lydia"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

LUYH 320:1-3

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

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death.

Rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

With your family in all times and places,
we believe that salvation and the harmony we desire—
for us, for others, for creation itself—comes only through Jesus Christ.
Thank you for this indescribable gift. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 70

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood

means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins

because of Christ's blood poured out for us

in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit

means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us

to be members of Christ,

so that more and more we become dead to sin

and live holy and blameless lives.

Song of Thanksgiving: "His Mercy Is More"

1. ***What love could remember no wrongs we have done?***

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

2. ***What patience would wait as we constantly roam?***

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

3. ***What riches of kindness He lavished on us.***

His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (to chorus)

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Prayers for the Church and World