

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022



Worship Participants

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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.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 113

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.**

**Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

*Songs of Praise: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
“Agnus Dei”

LUYH 208:1-3

***Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.
Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
For you are holy; holy are You Lord God almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen***

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

We Lament Our Broken World

Prayer of Lament (based on Psalm 22:1-2)

Lord, we praise you for your resurrection and your ascension.

You are good, and your love is life to us.

Yet, Lord, we do not understand your ways.

At times we wonder why we cannot see you.

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.

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: “I Am the Bread of Life”

LUYH 842

Soloist on vs.1-3, Congregation sings vs.4 and all refrains

“He Is Lord”

LUYH 227

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Are Sent with God’s Blessing

Drawing the Names of New Elders and Deacons

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LUYH 223:1,2,4

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.

You give us light, and we are content to live in darkness apart from you.
 God of love, heal our unbelief.
 You have not promised us a life of ease, but only the love of a perfect Savior.
Lord, have mercy on us!
(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16 p.1866

Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above" LUYH 682:1,3

Prayers for the Church and World

God Speaks to Us through His 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 1:1-11 p.1690

Message: "One Spirit; Many Storms and Many Sails" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song: "You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd" LUYH 225:1,3,4

God Meets Us in the Breaking of the Bread

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.

Like the disciples, we look up, bewildered.
 We ask, "Are you going to restore your kingdom at this time?"
How long, O Lord, before you restore your kingdom here on earth?
 Lord Jesus, in this world where sin is rampant,
 and the news about violence is relentless,
 as we hear of you rising into heaven, we wonder what will happen next.
How long, O Lord, must we be patient while the wicked triumph?
 Lord God Almighty, we look up in wonder,
 and we wait in anticipation for your return.
 We love you. We long to be in communion with you.
How long, O Lord, will the labors of your people fail?
 Holy Spirit, in this world where even your people
 are separated by strife and anger,
 we long for your healing mercy and justice to put an end to all our grief.
How long, O Lord?
 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
 and by night, but find no rest.
 Lord hear our prayer.**
 Amen.

Song of Lament: "Blest Are the Innocents" LUYH 108
Soloist sings vs.1, congregation joins for vs.2-4

We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 22:3-5)

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

you are the praise of Israel.

**In you our ancestors put their trust;
 they trusted and you delivered them.**

**They cried to you and were saved;
 in you they trusted and were not disappointed.**

God of compassion, we are a fallen people.

We do not understand your will, and we are humbled by your presence.

Lord, have mercy on us!

God of grace, we have lied to our neighbors;

we have spoken in anger to our loved ones;

we have hated our enemies and betrayed our friends.

We do not walk in the light as you have called us to walk.