

God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun!
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness,
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:
our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior,
guiding all things to their purpose.

God holds this world with fierce love.

**Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.**

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.**

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "The Lord Is My Light"

LUYH 431:1,3

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.



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Worship Leader: Rebecca DeVries

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Galatians 3:28-29

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gathering

Welcome

*Song: “All Are Welcome” LUYH 269
Vs.1,2—all, vs.3—women and children, vs.4—men, vs.5—all
All join on each chorus

*Opening Prayer LUYH 270

*Song of Praise: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1,2,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

Renewal

Call to Confession: “Come to Me”

1. You are weighed down; you are worried.
Child I see you; child I know you.

Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.

Chorus: Come to me, come to me, come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.

2. I am gentle; I am humble. Let me teach you, let me show you.
Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me.

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Confession and Renewal: “Lord, I Need You”

1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You’re the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need you.

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (chorus)

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

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And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You.
Jesus, You’re my hope and stay. (chorus)

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Words of Assurance (based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56)

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children’s Blessing: “Spirit, Help Us Live God’s Love”

Spirit, help us live God’s love. Alleluia! (repeat)

Music: Traditional Text: Unknown

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.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:15-29

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Message: “One Messy Family”

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

LUYH 256:1-3

*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
 which some seek to control, and others view with despair—
 we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
 until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

Our world belongs to God!