



Worship Participants

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Galatians 6:14-15

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Hebrews 4:14, Revelation 5:10,12)

Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand—
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—

Jesus, the Son of God—

let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Let us praise his holy name!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength

be to our God forevermore!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia!

*Song of Praise: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LUYH 219:1,2,5

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "How Great Thou Art"

LUYH 553:1,3,4

Renewal

Call to Confession: Hebrews 10:19-22

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

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What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Satan and his evil forces

seek whom they may scatter and isolate;

but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,

gathers a new community—

those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

In the new community all are welcome:

the homeless come home,

the broken find healing,

the sinner makes a new start,

the despised are esteemed,

the least are honored,

and the last are first.

Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

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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.

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. (to 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. (to 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. (to chorus)**

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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 6:11-18

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Message: "Cross Into New Creation"

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Response

*Song of Response: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #34

**In our world, where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,**

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Profession of Faith of Jane Taylor

Do you promise to love and support Jane, pray for her,
and to encourage and sustain her in the fellowship of believers?

We do, God helping us.

Affirmation of Faith: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

**And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.**

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

**"Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."**

Song of Thanksgiving: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

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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