

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation for eternity.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LUYH 946

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Worship Leader: Rylan Brue
Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Video: Rebecca DeVries ♦ 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.



Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

The Church

is a gathering of forgiven sinners
called to be holy.

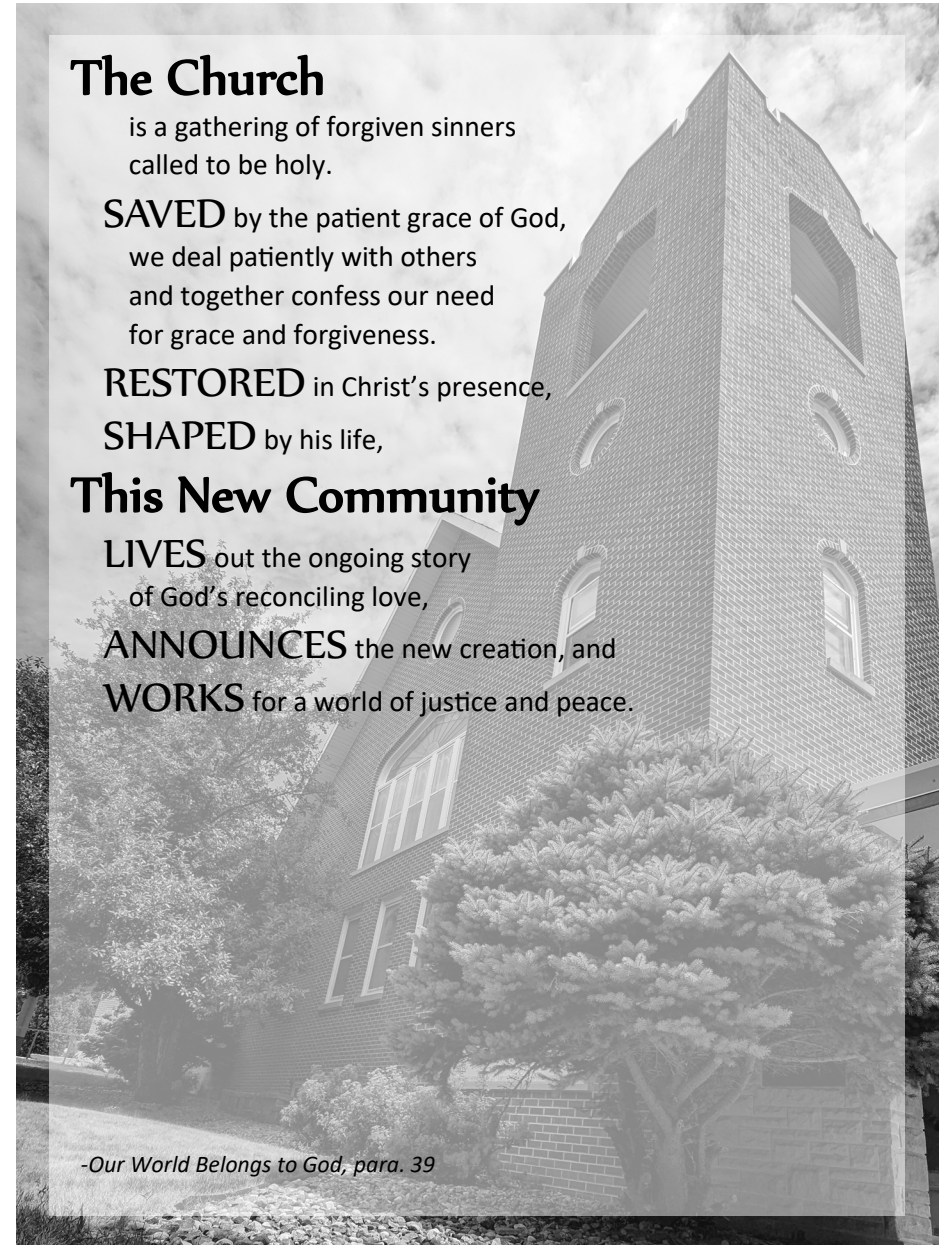
SAVED by the patient grace of God,
we deal patiently with others
and together confess our need
for grace and forgiveness.

RESTORED in Christ's presence,
SHAPED by his life,

This New Community

LIVES out the ongoing story
of God's reconciling love,
ANNOUNCES the new creation, and
WORKS for a world of justice and peace.

-Our World Belongs to God, para. 39



Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Our World Belongs to God (para. 35-36)

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.
She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him:
delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—
silent before the mystery of his love.

Silence

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished
in the fellowship of congregations,
**where we praise God's name,
hear the Word proclaimed,
learn God's ways,
confess our sins,
offer our prayers and gifts,
and celebrate the sacraments.**

*Song: "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" LUYH 9

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The Church's One Foundation" LUYH 251:1,2,4

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal: Psalm 24 and "We Long to See You" p.862
***Almighty God, we long to see You.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
come teach our souls to love Your truth.***

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Words of Assurance: Psalm 24:3-4, Ezekiel 36:25-28 p.862, 1345

Children's Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" LUYH 26

Children's Blessing & Kindergarten Quilts

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.

Offering Announcement

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.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 p.1550

Message: "Anointed and Commissioned" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Baptized in Christ" LUYH 846:1-4

*We Profess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31,32

Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

**Because he has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit
to be our chief prophet and teacher
who fully reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God
concerning our deliverance;
our only high priest
who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal king
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.**

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