

***From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!***

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Communion Song: "Worthy Is Christ" LUYH 605

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

**Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LUYH 590:1,2,4,8

Worship Participants

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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

September 4, 2022

The Church

is a gathering of forgiven sinners
called to be holy.

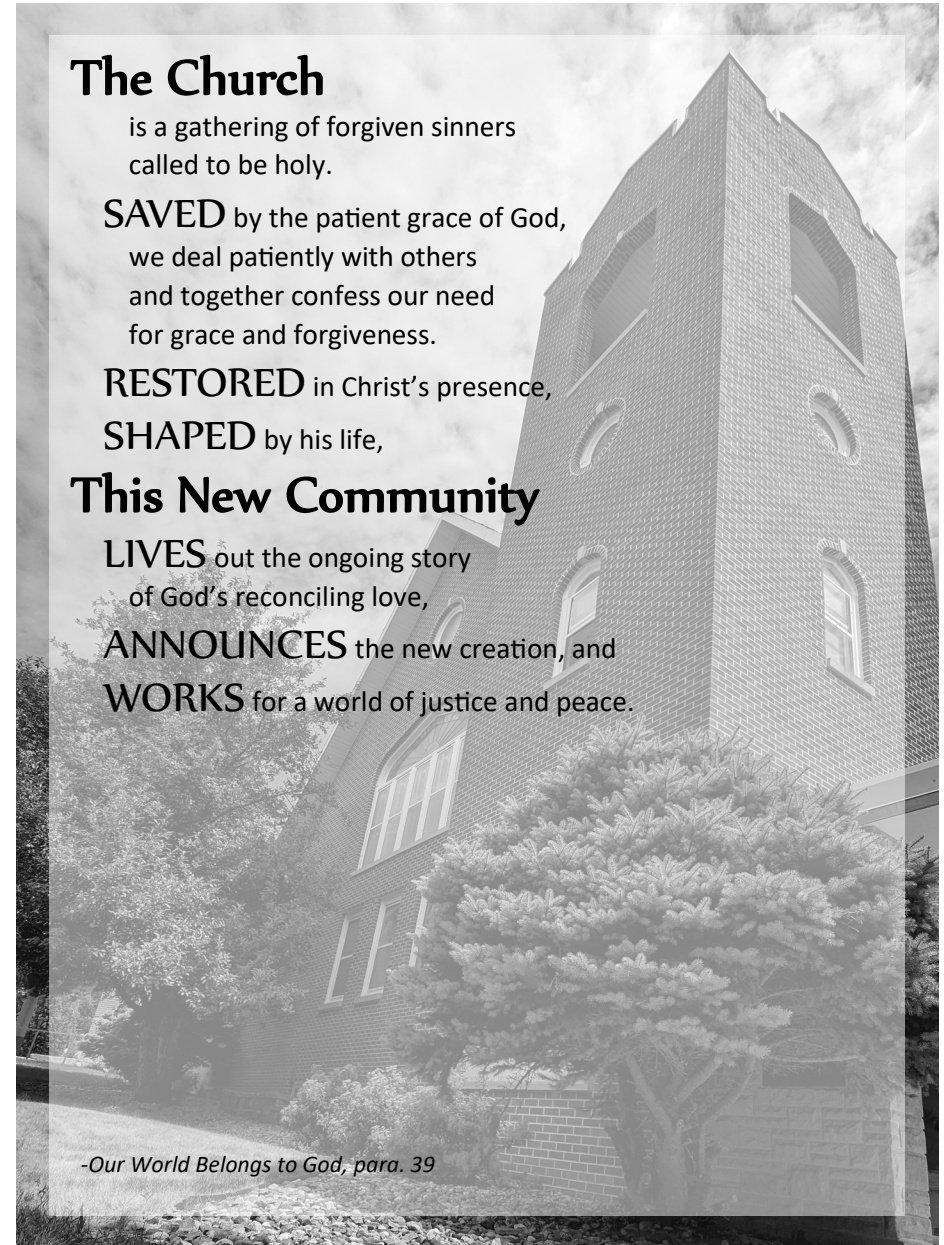
SAVED by the patient grace of God,
we deal patiently with others
and together confess our need
for grace and forgiveness.

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: based on Psalm 91:2: Romans 10:9,13

Let us worship God.

“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”

and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,

confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

*Song: “O Praise the Name (Anástasis)”

1. I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Saviour on that cursed tree.

2. His body bound and drenched in tears,

they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.

The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God.

O praise His name forevermore.

For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

3. Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.

O trampled death, where is your sting?

The angels roar for Christ the King.

4. He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.

And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “What the Lord Has Done in Me”

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come to you in the name of Jesus.

Sensing that you loved us before we could ever love you,

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.

Communion Song: “Is He Worthy”

*Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.***

*Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.***

But do you know that all the dark

*won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.***

*Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.***

*Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.***

*Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.***

*Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.***

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

*Does the Father truly love us? **He does.***

*Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.***

*And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.***

*Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.***

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Scripture Reading: Acts 2:36-47

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Message: "Steadfast Devotion"

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

*Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)**

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)**

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The 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.

We come to you as sinners who need your forgiveness.

Trusting in your power, we long to turn away from all that keeps us from you.

With your family in all times and places,

we believe that salvation—for us, for others, for creation itself—
comes through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for this indescribable gift. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7

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Guide for Grateful Living: Our World Belongs to God (para. 39)

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

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we deal patiently with others

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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.

Song: "Koinonia"

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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

Children's Blessing: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

LUYH 26

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.