

October 2, 2022

## Memorial Acclamation

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.*

Communion Songs: "Gift of Finest Wheat"

LUYH 815:1-3

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LUYH 837

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: "Glory Be to the Father"

LUYH 959



## Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue

Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Video: Jason Wyenberg ♦ 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.



## Romans 14:17-19

For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

## Gathering

### Welcome & Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship (from Lamentations 3 & Psalm 37)

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!**

\*Song: "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" LUYH 549

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LUYH 348

## Renewal

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, source of mercy and grace:

You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.

You have promised us the abundance of all creation,  
but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.

You have promised us the bread of life itself,  
but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,  
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.

And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.

Transform us, at this table, and for this table,  
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,  
by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Assurance:

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,  
and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love,  
your sins have been forgiven. Live in peace. Amen.

### 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: "Teach Us Your Ways"

**Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways as we learn from one another,  
learn to love each other, teach us Your ways.**

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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: Romans 14:13-22 p.1765

Message: "Conscience and the Kingdom" Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "The Church's One Foundation" LUYH 251:1,2,5

## Table

### 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