



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.



Romans 15:5-7

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

*Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LUYH 575

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1-2

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: II Corinthians 12:9-10

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*Charge to Live in Light: "O Church Arise"

1. O Church, arise, and put your armour on;

hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong

in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

2. Our call to war—to love the captive soul,

but to rage against the captor;

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: "Eat This Bread"

LUYH 818

"Speak, O Lord"

LUYH 755

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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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: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LUYH 965

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 15:1-13

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Message: "Long Story: High Hopes"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "All Are Welcome"

LUYH 269:1,3,4

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

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.

**and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valor.**

**When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died—
an inheritance of nations.**

Chorus: Arise, shine, for your Light has come.

Arise, shine, for the risen Son.

Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, O Church, arise.

**3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from his grave,
this victory march continues 'til the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in Glory. (to chorus)**

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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: "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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