



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 15:33

The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Revelation 7:9-10)

I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**“Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.
In Jesus’ name, let us worship God.

*Song: “I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” LUYH 508:1,2,4,5

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” LUYH 581

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 8:39 p.1758

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ, our Lord.**

We offer our silent prayers.

Words of Assurance (based on Ezekiel 36:24-28) p.1345

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: “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” LUYH 225
“Bless the Lord, My Soul” LUYH 836

*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: “Salvation Belongs to Our God” LUYH 608

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:23-33

p.1768

Message: “God of Agony; God of Peace”

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

1. Make me a channel of your peace.

***Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there’s doubt, true faith in You.***

***Chorus: O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

2. Make me a channel of your peace.

***Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there’s sadness, ever joy. (to chorus)***

3. Make me a channel of your peace.

***It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all people, we receive;
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.***

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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.

The Promises of Baptism

Brothers and sisters, do you, the people of the Lord,
promise to receive Isaac in love, pray for him, help instruct him in the faith,
and encourage and sustain him in the fellowship of believers?

Brothers and sisters, what is your answer?

We do, God helping us.

The Baptism of Isaac James Hibma

Song: “The Blessing”

***The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.***

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

***May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.
May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you.***

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Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children’s Blessing: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” LUYH 26:1,3

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.