

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

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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.

Scripture Reading: Romans 16:1-20

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Message: "Our Church; Our Town"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "For All the Saints"

LUYH 254:1-3

Sending

*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, para. 39

**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.**

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People"

LUYH 927



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Worship Leaders: Jeff & Sara Ploegstra

Sound: Andy Landman ♦ Video: Tom Clark ♦ 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.



1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Gathering

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

*Song: "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

LUYH 261:1,3,5

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "God Himself Is with Us"

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

For the church that in every age has taught the faith to the next generation,
shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

O God, we give you thanks.

For the times when the church has let the human urge for power
and self preservation prevail over the will of God,

O God, we ask forgiveness.

For those who work to create unity among all churches
and seek to find ways to walk together,

O God, we give you thanks.

For us, when we place our divisions above our unity as children of God
and brothers and sisters in Christ,

O God, we ask forgiveness.

For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church
when it has become complacent,

O God, we give you thanks.

For those instances when we have alienated sisters and brothers
who had a different vision of God's will for us,

O God, we ask forgiveness.

For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations
and for the Spirit of brings renewal to the church,

O God, we give you thanks.

For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions
among all worshipping communities throughout the whole world,

we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all. Amen.

Words of Assurance (based on Ephesians 3:14-22)

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Song for Grateful Living: "By Faith"

**1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**4. By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth. (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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