

His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs..
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.
 With him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity;
What need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace!
 "All glory be to God on high and peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.
 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear! To all our pleas incline your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace in this new year of grace.

*Benediction

*Closing 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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Postlude: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

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.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Todd Zuidema ♦ Piano: Will Breems, Ryan Smit ♦ Violin: Amie Smit

Worship Leaders: Joya Breems, Ethan Brue, Jeri Schelhaas

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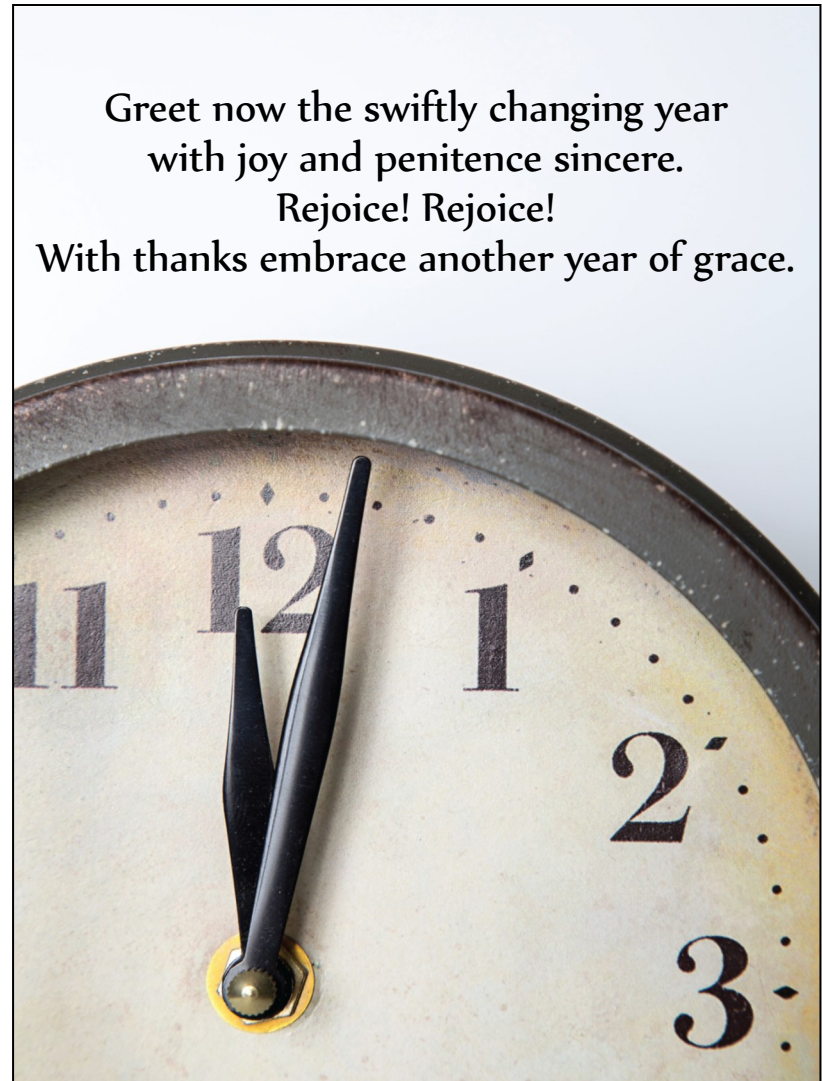
Hearing Assistance

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.



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Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory,
 because of your love and faithfulness.

Time: A New Year

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 42:9, II Corinthians 5:17

*Song: "Jesus, the Light of the World" LUYH 100

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Your Name" LUYH 375

A Time to Remember

The Year in Review

*Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Words of Confession and Assurance

Video: Together (The Belhar Confession)

This video was made in 2020 with current and former members of Covenant

Prayers for the Church and World

A Time to Listen

Children's Blessing: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:3

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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 115 p.954

Message: "Praise and Flourishing" Rev. Todd Zuidema

*Song of Response: "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone" LUYH 370

A Time for Feasting

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521

"Be Thou My Vision" LUYH 859

The 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.

A Time for Sending

*Litany: Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year LUYH 400

Greet now the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.

Remember now the Son of God and how he shed for us his blood.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.

This Jesus came to end sin's war; the name of names for us he bore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.

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