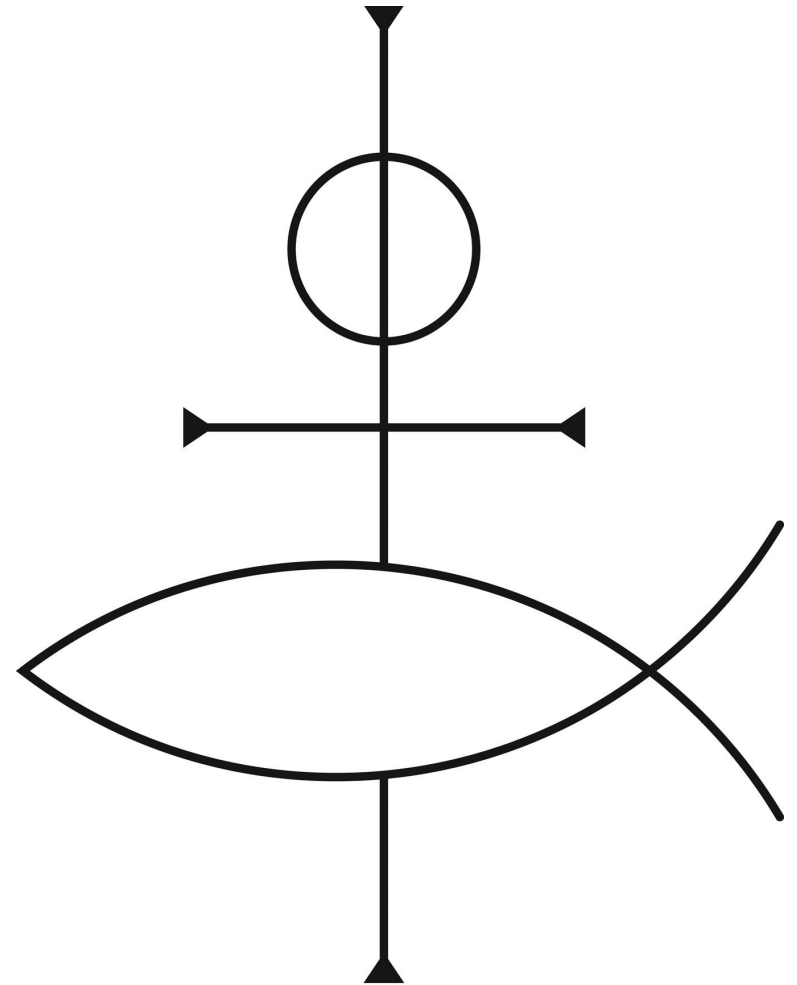


Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023



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.



Matthew 4:18-20

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. day.

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
**To proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.**

*Song: "The God of Abraham Praise"

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vs.1&2—all, vs.3—women & children, vs.4—men, vs.5—all

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Behold Our God"

**1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.**

**2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (to chorus)**

Chorus:

**Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King! Nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!**

**3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (to chorus)**

Bridge:

**Men: You will reign forever!
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth! (Repeat)**

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Communion Song: "The Goodness of God"

**1. I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Chorus:

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**2. I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (to chorus)**

Bridge:

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

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Communion Song: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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*The 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: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

LUYH 742:1,3,5

Word

Children's Blessing: "Somlandela/We Will Follow" LUYH 129:1

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: Matthew 4:12-25 p.1500

Message: "Jesus Fascinates; Disciples Follow" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" LUYH 116:1,2

Table

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.

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.

Renewal

Call to Confession

Life is a gift from God's hand, who created all things.

**Receiving this gift thankfully,
with reverence for the Creator,
we protest and resist all that harms, abuses,
or diminishes the gift of life,
whether by abortion, pollution,
gluttony, addiction, or foolish risks.**

Because it is a sacred trust, we treat all life with awe and respect, especially when it is most vulnerable—

whether growing in the womb, touched by disability or disease, or drawing a last breath.

**When forced to make decisions at life's raw edges,
we seek wisdom in community,
guided by God's Word and Spirit.**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,

and made to be a community united in faith.

Thanks be to God.

Song: "We Are Called"

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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