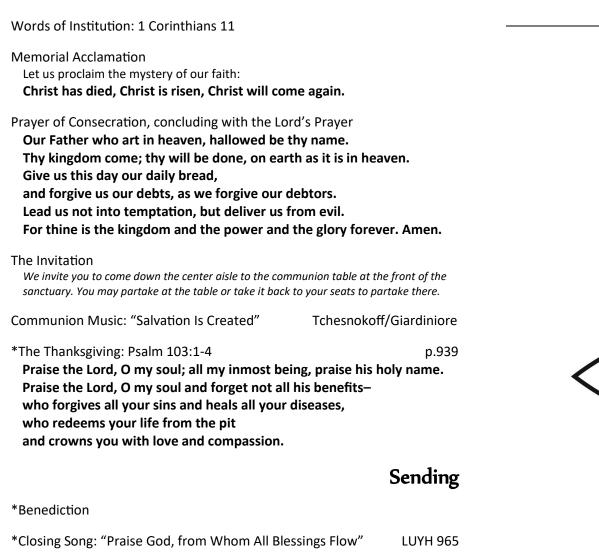
## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Table

February 5, 2023



## Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

## **Worship Participants**

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ← Piano: Lois Vander Zee ← Worship Leader: Jeff Ploegstra Sound: Dennis DeJong ← Video: Marty Vander Plaats ← 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.

	Gathering	You call us to be the light of the world, but too often our actions do not bring praise to you.	
Prelude: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory" "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Bach/Burkhardt Beethoven/Hodges	We make choices that help us blend into our culture rather than stand out as your people. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus.	
<ul> <li>*Welcome &amp; Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 53, Matthew 3:17, 17:5) God said, "This is my Son, with whom I am pleased."</li> <li>But this one has no splendor, no beauty we would fancy. "This is my child, in whom I take delight."</li> <li>But this one carries the load of a servant, not the scepter of a king "This is my child, whom I have called."</li> <li>But this one demands justice from all earth's nations;</li> </ul>		You call us to settle matters quickly, but too often we nurse grudges and look for ways to settle scores on our own terms. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. You call us to go the second mile, but too often we consider our own convenience first, passing up opportunities to show love to our neighbor. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. Amen.	
his words shall judge our own. "This is my child, whom I uphold."		Song of Confession: "Kyrie Eleison/Lord Have Mercy"	LUYH 635
But this one would release the dungeon's prisoners; he would set the captives free.		Words of Assurance: I John 5:7	p.1903
"This is my child, whose hand I hold." But this one is a man of sorrows; he is no stranger to grief. "This is my child; I give him to you." Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders and carry our rejection in his heart.		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.	
Wounded for our transgressions,		Prayers for the Church and World	
he will be cut off from the land of the living. Like sheep we have gone astray; like a lamb he shall be And still our God declares it:	e led to the slaughter.		Word
"This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."		Children's Blessing: "Somlandela/We Will Follow"	LUYH 129:1
*Song: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" *God Greets Us, We Greet One Another		Leader & Congregation: <b>The Lord be with you.</b> Kids & Helpers: And also with you. Leader & Congregation: <b>God bless you as you worship.</b> Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.	
*Song: "How Great Thou Art"	LUYH 553:1,3,4 <b>Renewal</b>	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.	
Prayer of Confession		Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20	p.1501
Loving God, you call us to be the salt of the earth, but too often we consider your way to be bland,		Message: "Jesus Fulfills Us"	Pastor Joel Kok
and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor that spreads from us to those around us.		*Song of Response: "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion"	LUYH 127

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