

## We Are Sent as Disciples

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

LUYH 140

# First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023



## *A Table in the Wilderness*

### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Piano: Mike Janssen ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries

Worship Leaders: Emily & Elia Eppinga, Rebecca DeVries

Sound: Nick Breems ✦ 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.



### Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## God Gathers Us

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-9 p.947

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.**

Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.  
They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.

**Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

**He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.

\*Song: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” LUYH 534

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Good to Me” LUYH 620

## We Journey into the Wilderness

Prayer (based on Psalm 63, 107)

Covenant God,  
some, even I, have wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where we could settle.  
We are hungry and thirsty,  
and our lives sometimes seem to ebb away.  
We cry out to you Lord in our trouble.  
Deliver us from our distress.

*Silence*

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you,  
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

*Silence*

We are hungry, Lord. Satisfy us with good things.

Song: Speak to Us

Words of Assurance: John 6:35 p.1657

Children’s Blessing: “Taste and See” LUYH 817 (chorus)

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.*

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

## God Feeds Us with His Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 p.1499

Message: “Our High Priest” Pastor Joel Kok

## We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”  
LUYH 132 (sung to alternate tune)

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed LUYH 783A