



He has  
 given us a new  
 birth into a living hope  
 through the resurrection  
 of Jesus Christ  
 from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

#### Worship Participants

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Colossians 2:3, Revelation 5:12)

The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power.

With the saints of all ages we say,

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”**

\*Song: “Is He Worthy”

*Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.***

*Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.***

*But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.***

*Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.***

*Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.***

*Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.***

*Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.***

***Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?***

***Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?***

***The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,***

***He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.***

***Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?***

***Is He worthy of this? He is.***

*Does the Father truly love us? **He does.***

*Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.***

*And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.***

*Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.***

***Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?***

***Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?***

***Chorus: Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.***

***Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.***

***3. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying.***

***I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross. (to chorus)***

***4. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising.***

***I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave. (to chorus)***

***5. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.***

***I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming on the clouds. (to chorus)***

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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.**

## We Are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “Because He Lives (Amen)”

***1. I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;***

***I believe I overcome by the power of His blood;***

***Chorus: Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.***

***Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.***

***2. I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame;***

***I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away. (to chorus)***

***Bridge: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;***

***because He lives; ev'ry fear is gone;***

***I know He holds my life, my future in His hands. (to chorus)***

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Message: “Belief & Suffering: Putting our Fingers in the Wounds of Jesus”  
Dr. Jason Lief

\*Song of Response: “I Stand Amazed” LUYH 174:1-2

## We Meet God at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

**Dying he destroyed our death.**

**Rising he restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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: “What the Lord Has Done in Me” LUYH 800  
“Alleluia, He Is Coming”

**1. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.**

**I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road.**

***The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!***

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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LUYH 223:1,3,4

## We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Prayer of Confession with “For the Troubles” LUYH 663

Assurance of Pardon (based on Revelation 21:4, Matthew 5:4-6)

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 Speaks to Us through His Word

Children’s Blessing: “Aleluya/Alleluia” LUYH 183:1

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: John 20:19-31

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