



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.

Genesis 18:13-14

The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

+ Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Song: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

LUYH 1

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The God of Abraham Praise"

LUYH 39:1,2,5

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 5:8

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1,2,5

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand.

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not put us to shame,

because God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Thanks be to God.

Song: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

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

The bread which we break is our sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is our sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup which we all share is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.

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: "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

LUYH 796

"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

LUYH 844

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: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LUYH 965

**3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**4. By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth. (to chorus)**

**5. By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. (to chorus)**

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving to God the Father

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

LUYH 538:1

The Institution by Christ the Son: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Prayer for the Work of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

Invitation to Giving

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

Word

Children's Blessing: "Awesome God"

***Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love, our God is an awesome God.***

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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: Genesis 18:1-15

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Message: "Laughing to Ourselves and with God"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "By Faith"

***1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.***

***2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.***

***Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.***

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