Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023



Genesis 22:13-14

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

Worship Participants

Pastors: Dr. Joel Kok ★ Organ: Donna Brue ★ Piano: Jill Friend ★ Guitar: Laremy DeVries Sound: Doug DeBoer ★ Video: Terry Friend ★ 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

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

They rejoice in your name all day long;

they celebrate your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength,

and by your favor you exalt our horn.

Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

*Songs of Praise: "Here I Am to Worship"

LUYH 567

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

LUYH 568:1,2,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "In a Deep Unbounded Darkness"

LUYH 38:1,2,4

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 6:12-23

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30

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Song of Thanksgiving: "No Longer Slaves"

1. You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (repeat)

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

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: "As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

LUYH 674

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

LUYH 360

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: "By Faith"

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.

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.

- 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

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: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

2. From my mother's womb You have chosen me; Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family; Your blood flows through my veins. (to chorus)

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.

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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 quests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-19

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Message: "Now We Know"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "By Faith"

 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.