



Genesis 24:58-60

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

+ 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

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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.



Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-6

Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

*Song of Praise: "Creation Sings the Father's Song"

1. **Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.**

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.

2. **Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.**

A second Adam walked the earth,

whose blameless life would break the curse,

whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. (to chorus)

3. **Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
the bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.**

**When He renews the land and sky, all heaven will sing and earth reply
with one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King! (to chorus)**

**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: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" LUYH 225
"Bless the Lord, My Soul" LUYH 836

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: "Tell Your Children"

LUYH 314

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 24:50-66

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Message: "Behind the Scenes and the Servant"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562

Table

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.

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.

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"

LUYH 508:1,2,4,5

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 8:35

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

forgive us;

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

forgive us;

for all the times we have acted without love,

forgive us;

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

forgive us;

for all the times we have withdrawn care,

forgive us;

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

forgive us;

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time,

forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 145:13-14

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The Lord is faithful in all his words,

and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

and raises up all who are bowed down.

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