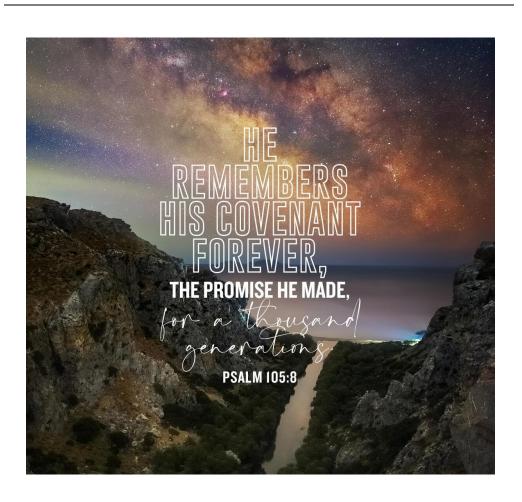
Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



Worship Participants

Pastors: Dr. Joel Kok → Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee
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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 25:23

And the Lord said to [Rebekah], "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

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



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Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1, 4-5, 7-9, 11
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the crashing of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water.

You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with riches.

*Song of Praise: "We Praise You, O God"

LUYH 560

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LUYH 594:1,3,4 LUYH 521:1.2

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:10-11 p.1757

Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521:3

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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

*Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Text: Isaiah 55:12; para. Steffi G. Rubin, Tune: Stuart Dauermann © 1975 Lillenas Publishing Co.

^{*}Benediction

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.
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: "Laudate Dominum/Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

LUYH 591

"As the Bread of Life is Broken"

Vs.1-3—Vocal Ensemble, Chorus & vs.4—Congregation

Chorus: As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, we Are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.

- 1. We, the many who are gathered, are united now as one. In this joyful celebration, we recall what God has done. (to chorus)
- 2. In the word of God proclaimed here the good news of truth is heard. In the telling of the stories, we are open to God's word. (to chorus)
- 3. In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive. In the cup of love here offered, we affirm what we believe. (to chorus)
- 4. Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace, in our witness to God's kingdom, may our charity increase. (to chorus)

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 25:19-35

Message: "One Womb, Two Nations, Many Branches" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "O God of Every Nation" LUYH 282:1,3,4

Vs.1—Vocal Ensemble, vs.3,4—Congregation

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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! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11