Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023



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.

Matthew 13:24

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field."

† 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

Jesus is the image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,

things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—

all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body,

the church;

he is the beginning,

the firstborn from the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

*Song of Praise: "The First Place"

LUYH 15

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

LUYH 525:1,3,4,5

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 8:26-27 p.1757

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:28, 33-34 p.1757

Song of Thanksgiving: "Amazing Grace" LUYH 691

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

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

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*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Sing to the King"

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Table

Word

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

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

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 Song: "Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840

"Gift of Finest Wheat"

LUYH 815

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: Matthew 13:24-30

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Message: "The Weeds and the Field"

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*Song of Response: "The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)"

1. It's not long 'til the boastful are silenced and shamed.
It's not long 'til the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord will shine like the sun forevermore. It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

2. Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land. Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand. When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong, do not let the dark steal your song. It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

Chorus:

It's not long till the Day of the Lord, it's not long till the Day of the Lord! Everything that is broken will soon be restored. It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

3. Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war, for the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.

And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy.

The power of the sword, he'll destroy.

It's not long till the Day of the Lord! (to chorus)