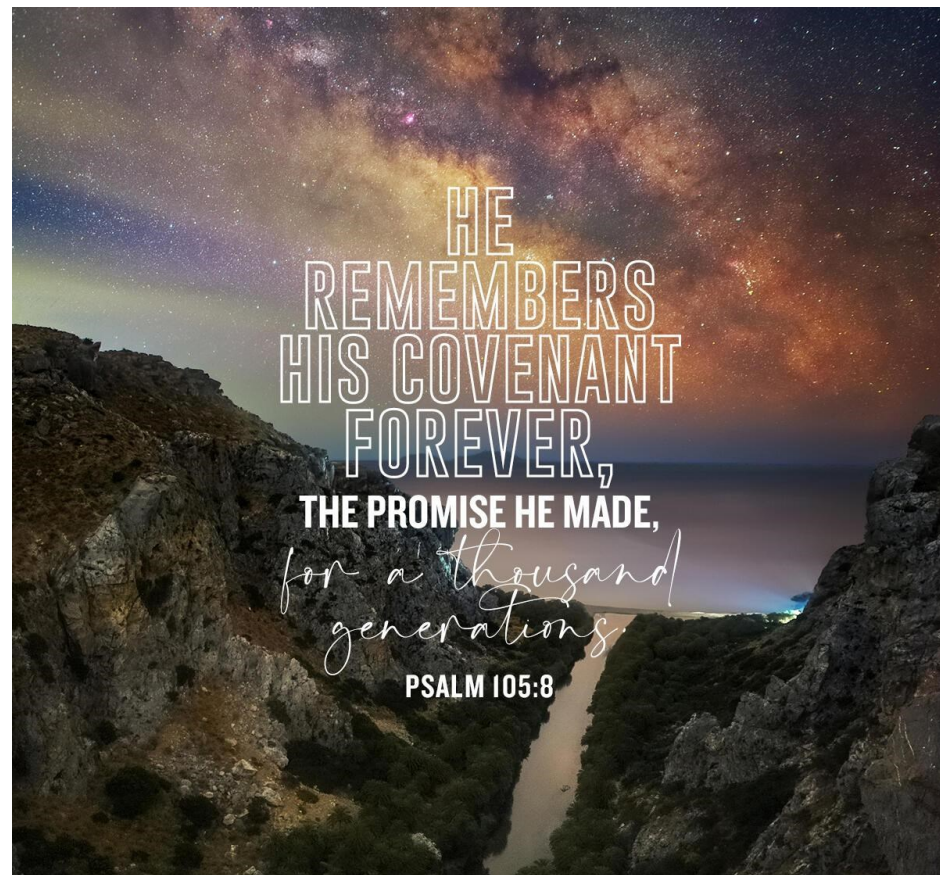


***May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.
May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you.***

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Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Piano: Ryan Smit ✦ Violin: Amie Smit ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ✦ Bass: Emily Smit

Worship Leaders: Corrie DeVries, Emily Kramer

Sound: Andy Landman ✦ Video: Tom Clark ✦ 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.



Genesis 45:4a, 7-8a

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “But God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.”

† 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 133 p.970

*Song of Praise: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” LUYH 256:1,2,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “O Worship the King” LUYH 2:1,3,4

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: “Lord, I Need You”

**1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You’re the one that guides my heart.**

Chorus:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need you.**

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (chorus)

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You.

Jesus, You’re my hope and stay. (chorus)

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Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18 p.939

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.

Communion Song: “Don’t Be Afraid” LUYH 429

*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

**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

*Sending Prayer

We go as your children, Father,
in the name of Jesus and the power of the Spirit,
into your world to share in your kingdom.

In our play...

may we glorify you!

In our words...

may we glorify you!

In our work...

may we glorify you!

With our creativity...

may we glorify you!

With our love...

may we glorify you!

May our words and actions bring honor and glory to you,
the One True God and King of All.

Amen!

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “The Blessing”

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

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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: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.

***We are not consumed by the flood,
upheld, protected, gathered up. (to chorus)***

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.

***For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (to chorus)***

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.

***And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. (to chorus)***

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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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Blessing our Kindergarteners with Quilts

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 44:30-45:15

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Message: "Joseph, Jesus, and Also Judah"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "How Firm a Foundation"

LUYH 427:1,2,5

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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

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

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