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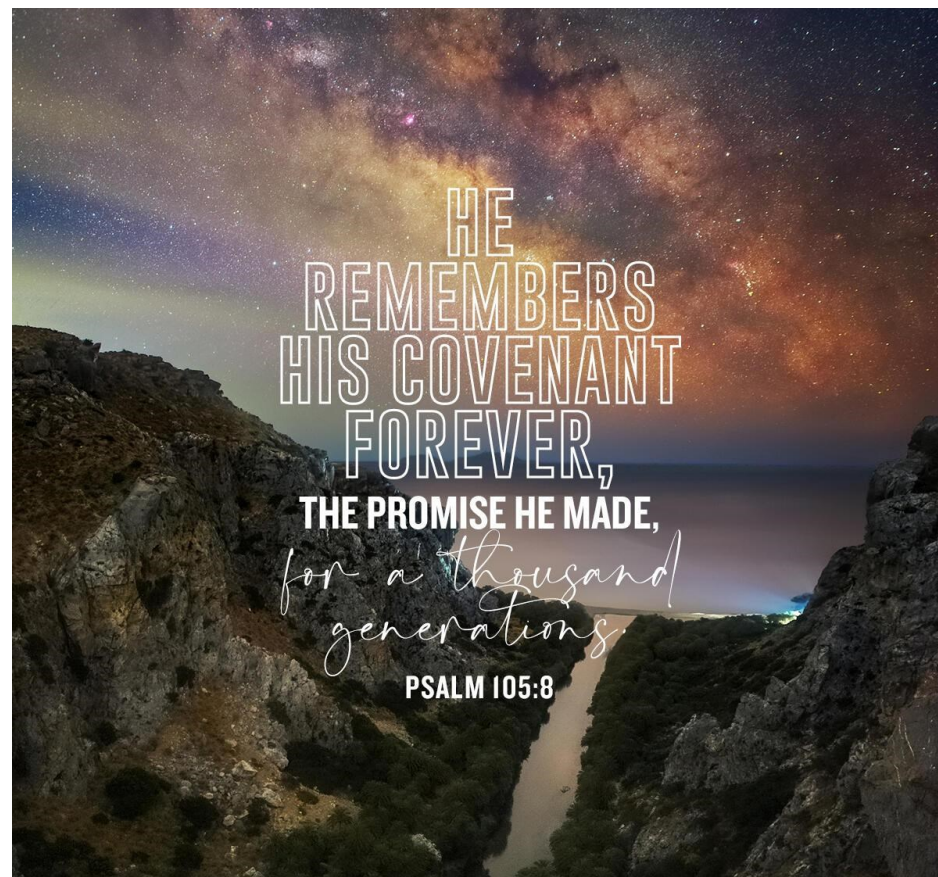
***For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
for I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.***

***4. The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed. (to chorus)***

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Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023



Exodus 3:13-15

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

† 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 105:1-4

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

*Song of Praise: "God Himself Is with Us"

LUYH 565

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "You Are Holy"

LUYH 598

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God, just as You called Moses so long ago,
 so You call each one of us

to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today.

Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:

when we question Your call

or make excuses for our abilities;

when we complain about our lack of time

or hoard our resources.

Give us courage to step out in faith,

to follow where You lead without hesitation or fear,

trusting that Your presence goes with us,

and that You will provide all that we need.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news:

the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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: "Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

LUYH 844

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LUYH 836

*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

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

1. Your labor is not in vain

though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.

Your planting and reaping are never the same,

your labor is not in vain.

**3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
 the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,**

for all that is old will at last be made new:

the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

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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: Exodus 3:1-15 p.90

Message: "Name and Calling" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH 562:1,2,4

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

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.**

Song of Response: "By Faith"

**1. 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.**

**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)**

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.**

**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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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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