

September 10, 2023

*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: "To God Be the Glory" LUYH 956



Worship Participants

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Hearing Assistance



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Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.

† 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 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

His praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people;

He crowns the humble with victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them—

This is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.

*Song of Praise: “Bring it to the Altar”

Chorus:

Bring it to the altar, lay it on the stone, every sorrow and every joy.

Bring it to the altar, don't leave it at the door.

Whatever you carry, come and give it to the Lord,

come and give it to the Lord.

1. Come now, His hands are open; bring your harvest with a song.

Tell the story of his goodness,

come remember what he's done. (to chorus)

2. Come now, His hands are open; bring your ashes and your tears,

all your troubles, every burden:

may you find your comfort here. (to chorus)

Bridge: Bring it to the altar, bring it to the altar! (repeat)

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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.

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: “Behold the Lamb”

“Taste and See”

LUYH 840

LUYH 817

Word

Children's Blessing: "May the Lord Bless You"

**May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.**

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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: Matthew 18:15-20 p.1527

Message: "Courageous—Outrageous?—Christlike! Conversation" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Refrain:

**O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy. [Refrain]**

**3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all people, we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. [Refrain]**

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "You Shall Love the Lord"

LUYH 724

Renewal

Call to Confession: Romans 13:8-12

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Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 119:33-40

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Song of Thanksgiving: "Thy Word"

Chorus:

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (to chorus)**

**2. I will not forget your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love You to the end. (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