



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 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

+ 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 114 p.953

*Song of Praise: "O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)"
*O Breath of God, come fill this place;
 revive our hearts to know Your grace
 and from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.*

*O Word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You;
 and give to us the Bread of Life, that we may know the risen Christ.*

*O Love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
 Let us reflect Your sacrifice, that we may know the risen Christ.*

*May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one;
 in holiness let us unite, that we may know the risen Christ.*

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

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

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation
 for those who are in Christ Jesus,
 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life
 has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Thanksgiving: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

*1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 his goodness restores my soul.*

Communion Songs: "All Who Are Thirsty" LUYH 807
 "There Is a Redeemer" LUYH 833

*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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946

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.**

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.

Chorus:

**And I will trust in You alone. And I will trust in You alone,
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.**

**2. He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights. (to chorus)**

**3. And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know. (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: “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. (repeat)**

Text: Numbers 6:24-25, Music: Judy Hunnicutt, © 1985 The Sacred Music Press, Div. of Lorenz Corp.

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 18:21-35

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Message: “The Forgiveness that Liberates”

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*Song of Response: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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