

\*Closing Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863:1-4,6

Postlude: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

# Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



## Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Lois Vander Zee, William Breems ♦ Violin: Tim Rylaarsdam

Worship Leaders: Melissa Bailey, Rose Postma

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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 20:16

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

+ 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: (based on Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 125)

\*Song: “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” LUYH 527

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” LUYH 457

## Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

In every anxious thought we have,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In all our current chaos and uncertainty,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In every war that is raging in and around us,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In every unanswered question we carry,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In all our unmet longing and waiting,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In all our trauma and woundedness,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In the pain we hold in our fragile bodies,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In all the tension we hold with those who are different from us,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In all the conflict we experience with one another,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In every area of injustice we endure,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In every active struggle against injustice,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us.**

In every hurt that yearns for healing,  
**may the peace of Christ rest upon us  
and be our comfort today. Amen.**

Song: “Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”

LUYH 619

## 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 20:1-16

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Message: “Right Side Up”

Pastor Joel Kok

## Response

\*Song of Response: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

LUYH 876

We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

LUYH 783A

Prayers for the Church and World

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.*

## Sending

Prayer of Blessing for the Church Education Year

\*Charge and Benediction