Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ← Piano: Jill Friend ← Guitar: Rob Haan ← Worship Leaders: Rebecca DeVries Sound: Nick Breems ← Video: Jason Wyenberg ← 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.

Exodus 17:5-7

The Lord said to Moses, "...Take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

+ Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

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Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Is the Father with us?

The Father is with us!

Is Christ among us?

Christ is among us!

Is the Spirit here?

The Spirit is here!

This is our God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are God's people.

We are redeemed.

*Song: "Uyai mose/Come, All You People"

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us"
"Lord Most High"

LUYH 600:1,4,5 LUYH 593

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal (based on Our World Belongs to God st.39,40)

Lord of heaven and earth, we thank you for your church.

We thank you for this gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

We thank you that your patient grace saves us

and teaches us to deal patiently with others.

We confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restore us again in Christ's presence, shape us again by his life,

move us to live out the ongoing story of Your reconciling love,

to announce the new creation, and to work for a world of justice and peace.

God of grace, we grieve that the church,

which shares one Spirit, one faith,

one hope, and one calling,

has become a broken communion in a broken world.

This one body spans all time, place, race, and language,

but in our fear we have fled from

and fought one another,

3. Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things, radiant in holiness. Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.

Christ is the life of the world.

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Communion Song: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "By the Sea of Crystal"

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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.

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer (in song)

Song: "Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven"

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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: "Christ Is the Life of the World"

- 1. In Christ we offer all that He has offered, the perfect offering. Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.
- 2. So we remember all that he remembered, the whole of love returned. Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.

Chorus:

Let us lift up, lift our hearts! Let us lift up, lift our hearts!

It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.

and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.

Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces

to do your work,

that you bless us with joy, with growth,

and with signs of unity.

Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves

to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.

In his name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 17:20-23

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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.

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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 quests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

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Message: "Water Without and Within"

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*Song of Response: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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