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"

"Behold the Lamb"

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*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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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: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" LUYH 932:1,2,4

Ordinary Time

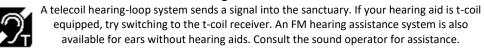
November 12, 2023



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok → Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee → Worship Leader: Pam DeJong Sound: Jeff Ploegstra → Video: Marty Vander Plaats → CCLI #493458 → OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance



Matthew 25:13

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

+ 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

Denis Bedard

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 78:1-7

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*Song: "O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)"

Prelude: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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 Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "All Glory Be to God on High"

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Renewal

Sung Prayer of Confession: "Not What My Hands Have Done"

LUYH 624

Words of Assurance: I John 1:9

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God.

We love because he first loved us. We live because he lives.

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: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

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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 quests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

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Message: "Steady and Ready"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LUYH 477:1,2,4

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! 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.