

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

LUYH 876



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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 25:23

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

† 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 (from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

*Song: “We Will Extol You, God and King”

LUYH 562:1,3,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

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Renewal

Call to Confession (based on I John 1:8-9)

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Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 51)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**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. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table.

Communion Songs: “I Stand Amazed”

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“The Lord Our God Is Good”

**Chorus: The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good,
full of kindness and compassion, merciful and just;
the Lord our God is good.**

- 1. Who else knows our deepest pain, bears it as his own?
Finds us in our naked shame, clothes and brings us home. (to chorus)**
- 2. Who takes his inheritance and gives it all away?
Welcomes guests to feast with him who never can repay. (to chorus)**

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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.**

**2. Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.**

Chorus:

**For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
for I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.**

**3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (to chorus)**

**4. The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed. (to chorus)**

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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.**

Words of Assurance

Song of Dedication: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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: "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 guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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Message: "Generosity Upon Generosity"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

1. Your labor is not in vain

though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.

**Your planting and reaping are never the same,
your labor is not in vain.**