

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
 who redeems your life from the pit  
 and crowns you with love and compassion.

## God Sends; We Go Rejoicing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

LUYH 329

*Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
 for if You lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.*

*1. I am weak, and I need your strength and power  
 to endure with grace my weakest hour.*

*Help me through the darkness your face to see.*

*Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*2. Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;  
 be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.*

*I am trusting you whate'er may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
 I am blind, without your light to see.*

*Lord, forever may I your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

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# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024



### Genesis 11:4

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

+ The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. This season after the Epiphany focuses on the teaching and healing ministry of Christ.

- from *The Worship Sourcebook*

## We Gather; God Welcomes

Welcome

Call to Worship

This morning, we are called to worship by a God who knows us.

He knows our name, and our frame.

He called Philip, and Nathaniel, and even young Samuel,

Jesus calls us to follow him.

**Here we are, Lord.**

God calls us to listen.

**Speak, for your servants are listening.**

God calls us to worship.

**Oh come, let us adore Him.**

\*Song: "Here I Am to Worship" LUYH 567

**1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.**

**Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.**

*Chorus: Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
here I am to say that You're my God.*

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

**2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor. (to chorus)**

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\*Song: "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come"

**1. Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.  
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you,  
the Lord will arise upon you.**

*Chorus: Nations will come to Your light, lift up your eyes and see:  
we'll gather together and come to You  
and your love will be all that we know.  
Your love will be all that we know.*

**2. Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.  
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,  
redemption to all who believe. (to chorus)**

**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

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.*

Communion Song: "Come, Holy Ghost" LUYH 232

**1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest;  
come with thy grace and heav'nly aid  
to fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
to fill our hearts which thou hast made.**

*Chorus: Be not afraid. Where you go there I am with you. (repeat)*

**2. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav'nly gift of God most high;  
thou fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above, and sweet anointing from above.**

**3. O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son;  
be this our firm unchanging creed,  
that thou dost from them both proceed,  
that thou dost from them both proceed.**

**4. Praise we the Lord: Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;  
and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

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Communion Song: "Don't Be Afraid" LUYH 429

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

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\*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—**

**Chorus: May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith;  
and at the end of my heart's testing with your likeness let me wake.**

**2. Jesus, guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more.**

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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 available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.*

### Prayers for the Church and World

## God Speaks; We Listen

Children's Blessing: "Christ, Be Our Light" LUYH 908 (refrain)  
**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

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*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

### Prayer for Blessing and Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 p.15

Message: "Making Names" Dr. Justin Bailey

## God Provides; We Feast

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

### Memorial Acclamation

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

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Bridge: The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need,  
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease. (2x)  
We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.**

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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "I Surrender All" LUYH 739

**1. All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.**

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;  
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**2. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel thy Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]**

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## We Seek Jesus; God Forgives

Call to Confession: Psalm 139:1-6 p.974

### Prayer of Confession

God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins.

**And you love us still.**

Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible;  
when we wonder how You could love us just as we are,  
when we forget our intricate construction.

**We are fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image!**

Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you.

Break down the walls, push aside our pride, and help us to trust anew.

You know our hearts. And you love us still. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-3 p.1756

Song of Response: "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer" LUYH 660

**1. Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.**

**You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.**