2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Words & Music: African American Spiritual

*Passing the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ← Piano: Donna Brue ← Guitar: Laremy DeVries ← Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries Sound: Andy Landman ← Video: Jason Wyenberg ← CCLI #493458 ← OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

An FM hearing assistance system is available for those who need it. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



Psalm 25:4, 10

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

† The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool and was often used as a form of pilgrimage for those who couldn't go on a literal pilgrimage. By walking one or tracing one with their finger, many Christians use a labyrinth as a way to pray and meditate, asking God to guide them through the twists and turns of life, seeking Christ as the center.

Gathering

Welcome & Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 22)

O Lord, I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you!

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

Stand in awe of him!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted. He did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

All the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Posterity will serve him.

Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

*Gathering Song: "In the Presence of Your People"

In the presence of your people I will praise your name, for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love; may your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.

Words: Psalm 22:3, 22; 145:7; para. Brent Chambers; Music: Brent Chambers © 1977 Scripture in Song, admin. by Maranatha! Music

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. What holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Words: S. Mead's A General Selection: Music: W. Walker's Southern Harmony: harm. Emily R. Brink

Prayers for the Church and World

*We Profess What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sending

LUYH 783A

Sending Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

LUYH 140

1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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^{*}God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

^{*}Song: "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

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.

Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me"

LUYH 709:1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Words: Anna B. Warner; Music: William B. Bradbury

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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22 p.860

Message: "Forsaken and Faithful" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "What Wondrous Love"

LUYH 164

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- 2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
 - 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM—while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,
the rock of Christ. (to chorus)

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore. (to chorus)

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Repentance & Renewal

Sung Prayer of Confession: "Trisagion (Thrice Holy)"

Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Words & Music: Fernando Ortega © 2004 Cerdo Verde Music; Curb Songs

Prayer of Lament (Psalm 22:1-11)

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Song: "Trisagion (Thrice Holy)" (text printed above)

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 23

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The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.