And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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\*Song of Response: "Digno es Jesús/Worthy Is Christ"

**LUYH 605** 

1. Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ; to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

2. He gave his life, he died for me; to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

Words & Music: Traditional Spanish

# Sending

**Sending Prayer** 

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "We Are People on a Journey"

LUYH 142:1.4

- We are people on a journey, following where the Master walks.
   We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross.
   What compels? The face of Jesus! Who protects? Our faithful guide:
   he who treads the road of service, Christ the Lord, the crucified.
  - 4. We are people on a journey, rising up in life reborn.
    We are people on a journey, speaking peace, accepting scorn.
    We are walking toward a homeland, to a myst'ry yet unknown;
    to a kingdom coming quickly, to the light of God's own throne.

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

### **Worship Participants**

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ← Piano: Shannon Schreurs ← Worship Leaders: Mel Bailey, Sara Ploegstra, Cal Jongsma Sound: Doug DeBoer ← Video: James Rylaarsdam ← 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.

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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: Psalm 19:1-4

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The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

Our voices join with all creation to praise you, O God!

\*Gathering Song: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory"

LUYH 3

- The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power; day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour. Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land, O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.
- The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant your praise, and moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthem raise.
   O'er every tribe and nation the music is outpoured, the song of all creation to you, creation's Lord.
  - 3. All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will; the stars with solemn voices resound your praises still. So let my whole behavior, each thought, each deed I do, be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

Words: Thomas R. Birks: Music: Johann S. Bach: adapt, from My Heart Ever Faithful, Cantata 68

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Beautiful Savior"

**LUYH 17** 

- Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!
   Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
   Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

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.

#### 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: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

- 1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
  There is no more for heaven now to give.
  He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
  my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
  To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
  For my life is wholly bound to his.
  Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
  Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
   I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed.

   To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
   Through the deepest valley he will lead.

   Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.

  Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
  - 4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.

## 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 3 p.844

Message: "Disorientation and Diversion" Dr. Justin Bailey

Table

#### The Invitation

Dear friends, we are on the road to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come,

giving thanks to God, our maker,

# and offering our praise!

We are right to praise you, faithful God!

You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home.

You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death.

All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Song: "Trisagion (Thrice Holy)"

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

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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. Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss; Music: Schleissche Volkslider

# Repentance & Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 19:7-12 p.858

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 19:13-14 p.858

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our confessions and shows steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people. God forgives our sins and restores us to new life.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

Song: "O God, You Are My God"

**LUYH 743** 

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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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

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.

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