5. Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain, an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

Words: Claudia F. Hernaman Music: American Folk Melody,

Communion Song: "I Come with Joy"

LUYH 533:1-3, 5,6

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.
- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
 - 5. A cloud of loving witnesses surrounds us while we sing as all the saints, forgiven, loved, immortal praises bring.
 - 6. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Wren; Music: American folk melody; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan; Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

Sending

- *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.
- 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: Mike Janssen ★ Guitar: Laremy DeVries, Luke Hawley Sound: Dennis DeJong ★ Video: Marty Vander Plaats ★ 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.

Sixth Sunday of Lent

March 24, 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

*Invocation (Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29)

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LUYH 145

- 1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- 2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
 - "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
 O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Words: Jennette Threlfall; Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Hofkapelle, Würtemberg

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

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.

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

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.

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: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

- 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
- 3. As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and so to live by your most holy Word.
- 4. And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide, forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

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! (3x) 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 quests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31 p.867

Message: "Hand to Hand to Heart" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "In You, Lord, I Refuge Take (Psalm 31)"

- In You, Lord, I refuge take; let me not be put to shame.
 Turn Your ear and quickly make safety for my trembling frame.
 You're a rock and fortress strong; I am lost and cannot see.
 For Your name's sake, lead me on; in Your hands my soul redeem.
- 2. My eyes weak with sorrow grow, and my body fills with grief.
 All my years pass with a groan; my strength fails, my bones are weak.
 Those who see me turn to flee; my friends' eyes are filled with dread.
 Like a potter's broken dream: in their gaze a shade of death.
- 3. But I trust You are my God; all my days are in Your hands.

 Let Your face upon me shine; make me in Your love to stand.

 Great the steadfast love You've stored for the poor, who refuge seek.

 In Your presence, gracious Lord, in Your dwelling they find peace.
 - 4. When I cried in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your sight!"
 Praise the Lord, whose saving arm was my rescue and my light.
 Love the Lord, all you His saints! You, who in Him refuge take.
 Though in darkness you may wait; all who hope in God are saved!

Words and music: Wendell Kimbrough © 2011 Wendell Kimbrough

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.

*Song: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LUYH 148:1-3, 6

- My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me.
 Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I that for my sake, oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow; but they refused, and none the longed for Christ would know.
 This is my friend, my friend indeed, this is my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend.
- 3. Sometimes they crowd his way and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.

 Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath, then, "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

6. Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise,
this is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend.

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Repentance & Renewal

Sung Prayer of Confession: "Oh God"

Oh God, forgive us for this mess we've left, forgive us for the things we've done to you and to each other.

Words and Music: Luke Hawley

Words of Assurance: Psalm 118:4-5,14,17

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Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ. God answers us and sets us free!

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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