Eastertide

April 21, 2024

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 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: "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger"

LUYH 207

"I Love the Lord"

LUYH 819

congregation sings chorus, soloist sings verses

*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

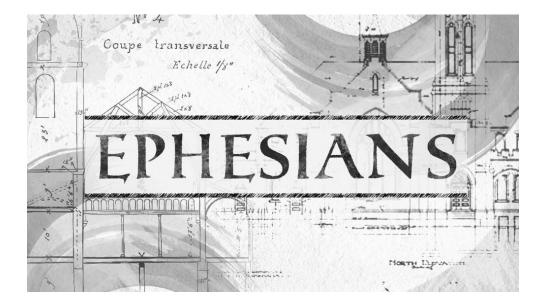
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "All Hail the Power"

LUYH 601:1,4



Ephesians 3:8-10

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok → Piano: Jill Friend → Guitar: Rob Haan → Vocalist: Tammy Lief

Sound: Jeff Ploegstra → Video: James Rylaarsdam → CCLI #493458 → OneLicense #A-721171

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.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.



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Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship

God of all glory,

on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

On his first day you began your new creation,

raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's day, grant that we,

the people you create by water and the Spirit,

may be joined with all your works

in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,

we praise you now and forever. Amen.

*Song: "Mfurahini, haleluya/Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

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All sing the chorus,

st.1—worship leaders, st.2—all, st.3—women, st.4—men, st.5—all

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Halle, Hallelujah!"

LUYH 768

Congregation sings chorus, Soloist sings verses

Repentance & Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, forgive us when we do not plunge into the waters of faithfulness, when we do not dare to go below the surface,

when we remain timid waders in the spiritual shallows.

Forgive us when our table manners

reflect more interest in self-service than in sharing,

when our appetite for Christ diminishes.

Forgive us when we regard the cross as decoration

and consider its message as peripheral,

when we back away from its beckonings toward costly discipleship.

Gracious God, receive our prayer and grant us your gracious support

as we strive to live our faith

with the boldness and bravery of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Response: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

LUYH 322:1-3

Drawing Names for Elder and Deacon

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "He Is Lord"

LUYH 227:1

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: Ephesians 3:1-13

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Message: "Through the Church"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "For All the Saints"

LUYH 254

Table

The 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! Lord God Almighty"

LUYH 538:1

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.