Eastertide

May 12, 2024

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: "Beneath the Cross"

LUYH 825

"As the Bread of Life Is Broken"

Chorus: As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.

- 1. We, the many who are gathered, are united now as one.

 In this joyful celebration, we recall what God has done. (to chorus)
- 2. In the word of God proclaimed here the good news of truth is heard.
 In the telling of the stories, we are open to God's word. (to chorus)
- 3. In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive.

 In the cup of love here offered, we affirm what we believe. (to chorus)
- 4. Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace, in our witness to God's kingdom, may our charity increase. (to chorus)

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*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: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

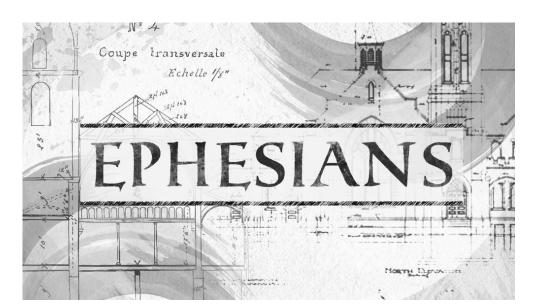
LUYH 223:1-2

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok → Organ/Piano: Donna Brue → Brass: Mike Janssen, Sara Ploegstra, Micah & Stephen Schreurs
Sound: Nick Breems → Video: Tom Clark → 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.



Ephesians 5:21

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



Gathering

Prayers for the Church and World

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8

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Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

*Song of Praise: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LUYH 219:1,2,3,5

"Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

LUYH 921

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.

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Repentance & Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance (based on Luke 24:47)

Jesus said to his disciples before he ascended to God,

"Repentance and forgiveness of sins

is to be proclaimed in my name to all nations."

Repent then, followers of Christ, and allow Christ to transform your lives.

We receive forgiveness in the name of the risen Savior.

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.

Children's Blessing: "He Is Lord"

LUYH 227:1

Word

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 of Blessing and Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-33

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Message: "Doll's House and God's House"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.