

July 28, 2024

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

Our world belongs to God!

God is King: Let the earth be glad!

Christ is victor: his rule has begun!

The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**As covenant partners,
set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in the world.**

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**We are confident that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus.

Our world belongs to you.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Postlude: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" M. Burkhardt



Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Liz Moss ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Worship Leader: June DeWit
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Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ 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.



Mark 4:40-41

He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

†Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Gathering

Prelude: “At the Name of Jesus”

M. Burkhardt

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18

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All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom**

*Song of Praise: “At the Name of Jesus”

LUYH 220:1,2,6

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “Across the Lands”

LUYH 775

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession: “O Christ, the Lamb of God”

LUYH 630

Words of Assurance: Psalm 145: 14, 17-18

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The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

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.*

Word

Children’s Blessing Song: “Open Our Eyes”

***Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.
Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.
Pull the blinds, open wide all the windows.
Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.***

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Prayer of Blessing and Illumination

*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: Mark 4:35-41

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Message: “Who Is This?”

Rev. Liz Moss

Response

*Song of Response: “O Lord, You Are My Light”

LUYH 773:1,3,4

Prayers for the Church and World

*We Profess Our Beliefs: Our World Belongs to God

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, and others view with despair—
**we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!**