



Worship Participants

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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.



Psalm 84:1-2

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

+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

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100 p.937
 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.**
 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.
**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Gathering Song: "Better Is One Day" LUYH 506

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Be Thou My Vision" LUYH 859:1-3
 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer" LUYH 660

Renewal

Call to Confession: Responsive Reading of the Law with the Psalms

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.**

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

**Come, let us bow down in worship,
 let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
 the flock under his care.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

**O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**2. Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.**

Chorus:

***For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
 We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.***

**3. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 No one else can be my shield. I should come to him. (to chorus)**

**4. Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.
 And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (to chorus)**

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Dedication to Holy Living: “God Be in My Head”

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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.

Presenting our Kindergarten Quilts

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: Psalm 84

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Message: “Strength for the Pilgrimage”

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

LUYH 507

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Jesus Strong and Kind”

***1. Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.***

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

**Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;**

**according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord.**

You shall not murder.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

See if there is any offensive way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

**You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God.

Blot out my transgressions.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways;

be gracious to me through your law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes

and not toward selfish gain.

Save me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer of Confession

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!