



Worship Participants

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Psalm 15:i-2

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from
their heart.

+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 & Gathering Prayer (written by Rebecca DeVries)

***Call to Worship**

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit gather us this morning.
We come with hearts, minds, and hands that are full,
full of stories to tell:
stories of praise and thanksgiving,
stories of sadness and confession.

**Gather our stories into your story,
gather our work into your work,
bring our lives into your life.
May all of our offerings
be a sacrifice of praise to you this day.**

***Gathering Song: "Bring It to the Altar"**

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Chorus:

***Bring it to the altar, lay it on the stone, every sorrow and every joy.
Bring it to the altar, don't leave it at the door.
Whatever you carry, come and give it to the Lord,
come and give it to the Lord.***

**1. Come now, His hands are open; bring your harvest with a song.
Tell the story of his goodness, come remember what he's done. (to chorus)**

**2. Come now, His hands are open; bring your ashes and your tears,
all your troubles, every burden:
may you find your comfort here. (to chorus)**

Bridge: Bring it to the altar, bring it to the altar! (repeat)

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***God Greets Us, We Greet One Another**

***Song: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

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Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 15:1-2

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Psalm 15)

Communion Song: "The Lord Our God Is Good"

***Chorus: The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good,
full of kindness and compassion, merciful and just;
the Lord our God is good.***

**1. Who else knows our deepest pain, bears it as his own?
Finds us in our naked shame, clothes and brings us home. (to chorus)**

**2. Who takes his inheritance and gives it all away?
Welcomes guests to feast with him who never can repay. (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: "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

LUYH 863:1,2,3,6

Song: “Holy, 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.

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 table.

Communion Song: “Christ Is the Life of the World”

1. In Christ we offer all that He has offered, the perfect offering.

Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.

2. So we remember all that he remembered, the whole of love returned.

Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.

Chorus:

Let us lift up, lift our hearts! Let us lift up, lift our hearts!

It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.

3. Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things, radiant in holiness.

Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.

Christ is the life of the world.

Words of Assurance

Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling,

God came to dwell with us through God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

Christ came to be with us, among us, and for us.

Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

Song: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LUYH 351:1

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

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 7:1-23

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Message: “Inside Out”

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “In Christ Alone”

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Table

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.