



### 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.



### Mark 7:37

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "[Jesus] has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

†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

\*Gathering Song: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” LUYH 751

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Ancient Words” LUYH 762

## Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 139:23-24 p.975

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song: “Teach Us Your Ways”

1. ***Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways as we learn from one another, learn to love each other, teach us Your ways.***
2. ***Teach us to give, teach us to give, give ourselves for one another, learn to love each other, teach us to give.***
3. ***Teach us to weep, teach us to weep, let us weep with one another, learn to love each other, teach us to weep.***
4. ***Hallelujah, hallelujah; let us learn from one another, learn to love each other, teach us Your ways.***

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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.*

Commissioning Prayer for our Church Education Leaders

**Leader:** God of Creation, you have gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you would fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit.

**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.**

\*Affirmation: True Faith (Heidelberg Q&A 21) LUYH 342

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LUYH 964

## 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.**

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: "Marvelous Grace"

LUYH 696

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

LUYH 676

\*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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**Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

Fill them with energy and insight into your Word,  
the story of Your faithful heart.

**Teachers & Leaders:** You have not called us to be perfect;  
you have called us to be faithful.

You have not called us to be all-knowing;  
you have called us to believe.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy

in our preparation and teaching of your Word.

**Students (Grades 1-12):** Jesus, we want to learn more about you,  
your Word, and your world.

**Congregation:** God of hope, guide each teacher  
as they study your Word.

Strengthen the gifts you have given them,  
and energize their compassion,

remind us to find ways to support

and encourage them throughout the year.

May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

**All:** We commit ourselves, each to our part, in this joyful task.

May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do. Amen.

Song: "Teach Us Your Ways" (*vs.1, printed on previous page*)

Prayers for the Church and World

## Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: "Spirit of the Living God"

LUYH 749

*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24-37

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Message: "Healing, Groaning, and Discipleship"

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\*Song of Response: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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