Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

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 Songs: "Table of Plenty"

LUYH 808

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"

LUYH 813

*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 benefitswho 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: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" **LUYH 356**



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ◆ Piano: Ryan Smit ◆ Strings: Amie Smit, JoyLyn Vande Berg, Tony Garcia Vocalists: Tammy & Naomi Lief → Worship Leader: Bob DeSmith Sound: Dennis DeJong → Video: Terry Friend → 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.

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

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

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Gathering

Word

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

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whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

*Gathering Song: "My Soul Finds Rest"

LUYH 370

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

LUYH 511

Renewal

Call to Confession (from Jeremiah 17)

Prayer of Confession

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the truth of the prophet: we prefer our own ways to yours; we are stuck in our own deceitfulness and seem beyond cure. When trials come, we keep our heads down instead of lifting them up. But you are there and you forgive. We humbly ask that as you search our hearts, you judge us according to your mercy, not our sins. Cure us especially of our brooding blame and inward darkness, particularly when we are in the parched places. We praise you for your unending love for us. Amen.

Song of Assurance: "You Are My Hiding Place" LUYH 412

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

Children In Worship Dismissal: "Spirit of the Living God" LUYH 749:1 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: James 1:1-18

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LUYH 407

Message: "Tests, Temptations, and Light"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

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.