

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 In Worship Dismissal: “I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart”

LUYH 761:1

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 2:14-26

p.1882

Message: “James and Paul Work Together with Christ”

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: “Faith Begins By Letting Go”

LUYH 852

Prayers for the Church and World

*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86

LUYH 731

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “We Receive Your Blessing”

LUYH 947



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.



James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

†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

Opening Prayer

God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven,
even as we gather before your face,
may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**By the power of your Spirit,
help us to lift our hearts in praise,
to receive your lavish gifts stored up for us in Christ,
and to live as your faithful children and witnesses,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4 p.858

*Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth" LUYH 19:1,2,4,5

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

**Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)**

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)**

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 19:7-8a, 11 p.858

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, redeeming Savior, empowering Spirit,
we long for the perfection your holiness demands,
yet we know that even our best moments are mixed with selfish motives.
Too often we pray for others
but fail to put legs to acts which may work toward healing.
Father, forgive us for the times we have ignored your call to action.
Forgive us, too, for the hidden faults,
the angry and unloving thoughts we hide even from ourselves.
You know us fully, Lord.

Help us to sweep out every corner of our hearts,
to open every cupboard and closet within us
so that your Spirit may freshen and fill us completely.

**May the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Micah 7:18-19 p.1450

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over
the transgression of the remnant of your possession?
You do not retain your anger forever,
because you delight in showing mercy.
You will again have compassion upon us;
You will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Thanksgiving: "How Great Is the Love of the Father" LUYH 683

Profession of Faith of Emily Eppinga

Do you promise to love and support Emily, pray for her,
and to encourage and sustain her in the fellowship of believers?
We do, God helping us.

Song: "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770