

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-20 p.1885

Message: "Connecting and Confessing" Pastor Joel Kok

## Response

\*Song of Response: "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion" LUYH 127

Prayers for the Church and World

*Each section of the prayer concludes with...*

We pray in Jesus' name,

**O Lord, bring your healing and your peace.**

Song: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" LUYH 896

\*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

## Sending

\*Closing Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LUYH 776:1,3,4



### Worship Participants

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### James 5:16b

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

†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

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2 p.931  
 It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

\*Songs of Praise: “O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good” LUYH 549  
 “Jesus Loves Me” LUYH 709

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

**1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.**

**What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.**

**What holds our days within His hand?**

**What comes, apart from His command?**

**And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.**

**2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.**

**Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.**

**Who holds our faith when fears arise?**

**Who stands above the stormy trial?**

**Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ.**

*Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

**3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”**

**And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.**

**There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,**

**and we will feast in endless joy,**

**when Christ is ours forevermore. (to chorus)**

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## Renewal

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20) p.901

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your holy name.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and Dedication: I Peter 2:24, Heidelberg Q&A 86

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
 so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;  
 by his wounds, we are healed.

**Christ, having redeemed us by his blood.**

**is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image,**

**so that with our whole lives**

**we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits,**

**so that he may be praised through us,**

**so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,**

**and so that by our godly living**

**our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Song of Dedication: “Take, O Take Me As I Am”

LUYH 741

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.*