

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 Songs: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" M. Burkhardt
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LUYH 821

*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

**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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946

Postlude: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" W. Held

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Violin: Tim Rylaarsdam
Sound: Dennis Vander Plaats ♦ Video: Jason Wyenberg ♦ 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.



Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Gathering

Prelude: “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” M. Burkhardt, M. Reger

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-4 p.866

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

*Song: “God Reigns! Earth Rejoices” LUYH 91:1,2,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “Joy Has Dawned”

1. **Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.**

3. **Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold—a King is born today, incense—God is with us,
myrrh—His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.**

4. **Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom,
reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.**

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We are God's people!

By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace,
we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Dedication: “Baptized in Christ” LUYH 846:1,2,6

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 In Worship Dismissal: “Arise, Your Light Is Come” LUYH 102:1

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: Luke 3:15-22 p.1594

Message: “Baptism and Belovedness” Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
LUYH 111:1,2,3,6

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! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11