

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

1. Your labor is not in vain

though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.

**Your planting and reaping are never the same,
your labor is not in vain.**

2. Your labor is not unknown

though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.

**The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.**

Chorus: For I am with you, I am with you.

I am with you, I am with you

for I have called you, called you by name.

Your labor is not in vain.

3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;

the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,

for all that is old will at last be made new:

the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (to chorus)

4. The houses you labored to build

will finally with laughter and joy be filled.

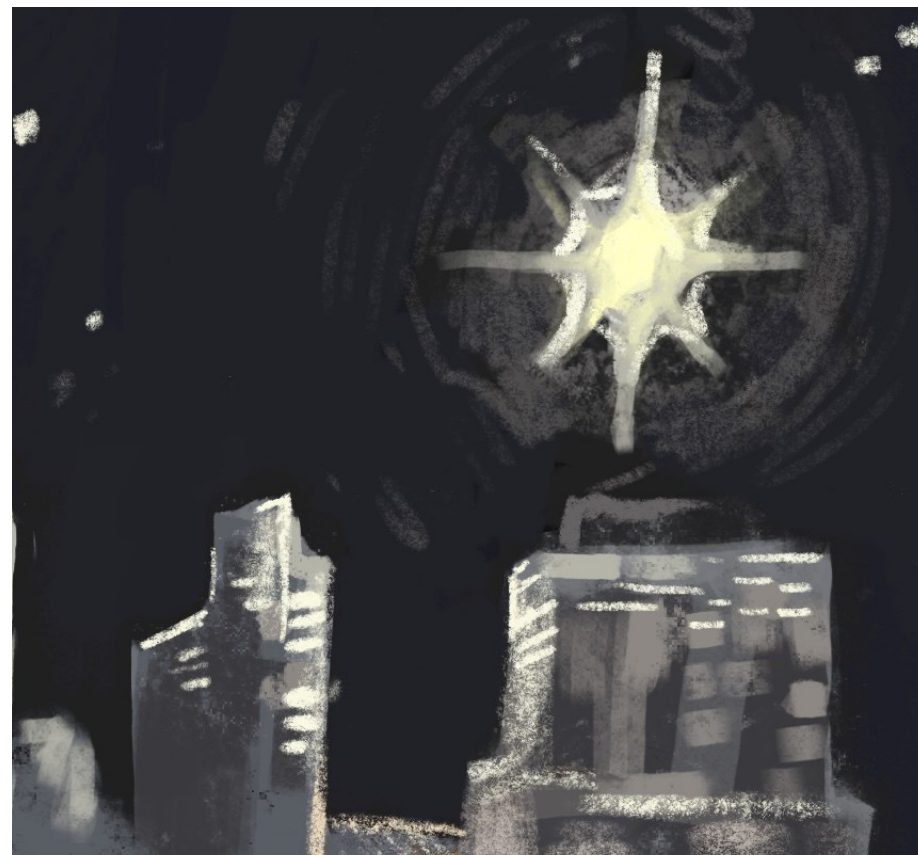
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,

and all that is broken be healed. (to chorus)

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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.



Romans 8:28

We know, in fact, that God works all things together for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

-as translated by N.T. Wright

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Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Holy Spirit, Creator,
at the beginning you hovered over the waters;
you breathe life into all creation.

Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us with prayers too deep for words.

Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,
you are light, you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each one of its members,
and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

Come into us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Song: "Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy"

1. **Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.**
2. **Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all that he requires as fitness is to know your need of Him.**
3. **Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.**
4. **Come, arise, and go to Jesus, he will take you in his arms;
In the love of your dear Savior you are safe from all alarms.**

Text: Joseph Hart, Music: W. Walker's Southern Harmony

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

LUYH 513

Communion Song: "Jesus Paid it All"

**1. I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.**

**Chorus: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

**2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. (to chorus)**

**3. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat. (to chorus)**

Text: Elvina M. Hall, Tune: John T. Grape

Communion Song: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

**1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

**2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)**

**3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last! (to chorus)**

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*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

**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.**

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Scripture Reading: Romans 8:22-30

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Message: “The Spirit’s Groan Gives Hope”

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

LUYH 746

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

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.

Renewal

Silent Prayer of Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession: “Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart”

LUYH 618:1-4

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

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Song of Dedication: “O Great God”

1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

**2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.**

Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me

through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.

O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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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.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “This Little Light of Mine”

LUYH 930:1

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