

March 16, 2025

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: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" M. Burkhardt
"Just As I Am" LUYH 627

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Sends Us Out to Serve

*Benediction

May the God of love, who showed us love,
strengthen us in our love for others.
May Christ, who shared his life,
grant us grace that we might share ours.
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us
empower us to be Christ's ambassadors
wherever we go and to whomever we meet.
Amen.

*Closing Song: "Take Us as We Are, O God" LUYH 862:1,2,4

Postlude: "At the Lamb's High Feast" J. Ferguson



Psalm 27:1,5

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

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Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Cello: Benjamin Ploegstra ♦ Reader: Jeff Ploegstra
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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.



God Gathers Us

Prelude: “The Lord Is My Light” F. Allitsen
 “Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord” C. Callahan

Welcome

*Call to Worship

God has gathered us together to worship.

We have come to worship the Almighty.

Christ has invited us to journey with him, toward Jerusalem.

We have come to worship our Savior.

The Spirit is moving in and among us as we prepare our hearts.

We have come to worship the Spirit.

*Song: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” LUYH 534

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “In Christ There Is No East or West” LUYH 268

God Renews Us

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: “Meekness and Majesty” LUYH 157:1,2

Prayer of Dedication

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

God Speaks to Us

Children In Worship Dismissal: “Speak, O Lord” LUYH 755:1

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: Psalm 27 with “Wait for the Lord” p.864; LUYH 480

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35 p.1621

Message: “The Fox and the Hen” Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” *words from* LUYH 424

God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God,

you have gathered grapes from many hills and grain from many fields,

and so we come to the table of plenty.

You have offered to quench our thirst and to fill our hunger,

and so we come to the table of plenty.

You want to nourish us with the blood and body of Jesus,

and so we come to the table of plenty.

You will provide all that we need.

here at the table of plenty.

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: “Trisagion”

***Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
 have mercy, have mercy on us.***

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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.