

Third Sunday of Lent

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Psalm 63:1-3

The O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

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God Gathers Us

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-3 p.1148

*Songs: "Table of Plenty" LUYH 808:1-2
 "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

1. ***My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone,
 but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.***

2. ***My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame,
 but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.***

Chorus:

***I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
 I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.***

3. ***As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
 but life eternal calls to us at the cross.***

4. ***I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
 but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (to chorus)***

5. ***Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
 My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.***

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Only a Holy God"

1. ***Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
 Who else could make every king bow down?
 Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.***

2. ***What other beauty demands such praises?
 What other splendour outshines the sun?
 What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.***

Chorus: ***Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
 Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
 Come and worship the Holy God.***

**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" LUYH 168
 "Christ Is the Life of the World"

1. ***In Christ we offer all that He has offered, the perfect offering.
 Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.***

2. ***So we remember all that he remembered, the whole of love returned.
 Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.***

Chorus: ***Let us lift up, lift our hearts! Let us lift up, lift our hearts!
 It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.***

3. ***Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things, radiant in holiness.
 Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.
 Christ is the life of the world.***

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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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63; Luke 13:1-9

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Message: “Future: Wow!”

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*Song of Response: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” LUYH 928:1,2,4

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.

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.

3. What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?

Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father?

Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God.

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God Renews Us

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6-7

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Prayer of Confession

Each section of prayer closes with...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Song of Assurance: “My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

5. Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.

My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Chorus:

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.

I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

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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

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.