

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



Worship Participants

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John 20:15-16, 18

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

God Gathers Us

Prelude: "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay" J.S. Bach
...But now the Lord is ris'n today; Hallelujah!
 "The Strife Is O'er" Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome

*Song: "Low in the Grave He Lay" LUYH 186

*Call to Worship
 People of God—have you seen him?
 I have seen the Lord! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Song: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" LUYH 182:1,3,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

We Respond

*Song: "See, What a Morning" LUYH 181

Opening Responses: Psalm 118:1, 14-17, 22-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
 the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna" LUYH 204:1,3

*2. If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
 sing the song forever to the Lamb.
 If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
 sing the song forever to the Lamb.
 We'll sing the song forever and amen.*

*Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing, "Holy,"
 to the King of kings, "Holy."
 You will always be holy, holy forever*

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God Sends Us Out to Serve

*Sending Words

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LUYH 193:1,4,7

Postlude: "Thine Is the Glory" Kenneth Grinnell

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

This morning the elements will be passed through the rows. Please hold them until all have been served and we will eat together. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

Communion Songs: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Michael Burkhardt
"O Sons and Daughters of the King" Roy Haan

*Song of Thanksgiving: "Holy Forever"

**1. A thousand generations falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
and all who've gone before us and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

*Pre-Chorus: Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.*

*Chorus 1: And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever.*

Call to Confession

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

People of God, your sins are forgiven.

Let us proclaim once more the good news of Christ's resurrection.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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: "Break Now the Bread of Life" LUYH 764:1

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: John 20:1-18

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Message: "Lifted Further into Life"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Thine Is the Glory"

LUYH 187

God Meets Us at the 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.