

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 Song: "Remembering with Love and Hope" LUYH 809:1,2,3,5
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LUYH 831:1-3

*Acclamation of Praise: Revelation 7:9-12 p.1921

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go to the World" LUYH 925:1,2,4

Postlude: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" Krapf

Worship Participants

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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.

Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025



Acts 1:9-11

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Culli, Willan
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Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7 p.885
Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
For the Lord most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.
**God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
**For God is the king of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

*Song: "Come, Thou Almighty King" LUYH 492

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise" LUYH 515:1,2,5

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: I John 2:1-2 p.1899
If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
In Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

Song of Thanksgiving: "Your Mercy Flows" LUYH 700

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 through His Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: "O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)"
***O Breath of God, come fill this place;
revive our hearts to know Your grace
and from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.***

***O Word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You;
and give to us the Bread of Life, that we may know the risen Christ.***

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*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: Acts 1:1-11 p.1690

Message: "Ascension and Appearance" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "He Is Lord" LUYH 227

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.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts"

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory,
the whole earth is full of his glory. Holy is the Lord.***

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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.