Communion Songs: “Taste and See” LUYH 817
“Ten Thousand Reasons” LUYH 559

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

**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.**

## We Are Sent with God’s Blessing

*Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing his will,
**and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,**
**through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Closing Song: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” LUYH 854

**Worship Participants**

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Piano: Jill Friend ✦ Guitar: Luke Hawley ✦ Djembe: Tom Clark
Worship Leaders: Rebecca DeVries, Emily Eppinga, Eden Hawley
Sound: Will Breems ✦ Video: Jason Wyenberg ✦ CCLI #493458 ✦ OneLicense #A-721171

**Hearing Assistance**

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# Ordinary Time

**August 31, 2025**




**Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, as he works among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

†Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

# God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 124:8; 95:6-7 LUYH 517

*Gathering Song: "Amid the Thronging Worshipers" LUYH 511

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" LUYH 356

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The First Place" LUYH 15

# We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Prayer for Renewal

Song: "You Hold It All"

*Soloist sings verses, congregation join on chorus when directed*
*Chorus: **You hold it all, Jesus, you hold it all.** (repeat)*

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Words of Assurance: Psalm 121:1-4 p.965

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord,**
**the Maker of heaven and earth.**
**He will not let our feet slip—**
**he who watches over us will not slumber;**
**indeed, he who watches over Israel**
**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-21 p.1878

Message: "The Shepherd Works with Sheep" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above" LUYH 682

# 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.**
*(Prayer continues...)*

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" LUYH 813:1

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.*