Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



Jeremiah 8:18-19a

My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

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

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Organ: Donna Brue ✦ Piano: Shannon Schreurs ✦ Guitar/Viola: Tony Garcia
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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 for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27; John 4:23) p.864; 1652

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.

*Song: "The Lord Is My Salvation"

1. ***The grace of God has reached for me,***
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

2. ***I will not fear when darkness falls,***
his strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:
Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: the Lord is my salvation.

4. ***In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,***
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

5. ***And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave.***
But I will rise, He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation. *(to chorus)*

Bridge:
Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LUYH 551:1,4,5

2. ***He will crown you with his love, with his tender mercies true,***
and he fills your life with good; like the eagle, youth renews.
God, the righteous judge, defends all oppressed and broken ones,
showing Moses all his ways and his deeds to Israel's sons.

3. ***For the Lord is slow to wrath, full of mercy, full of grace.***
He abounds in steadfast love, will not chide for endless days.
God will not retain his wrath, he will not repay our sins;
he will never deal with us as our wickedness demands.

4. ***As the heav'ns are high above all the earth which God has made,***
so to those who fear the Lord is his lovingkindness great.
Far as east is from the west, he removes so far from us,
in his great, abounding love, all our guilt and wickedness.

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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

*Closing Song: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" LUYH 443:1-2

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: Psalm 79:9 p.919

Song of Confession: “Remember Not, O God” LUYH 632

A Prayer for Humility (Psalm 131) LUYH 447

Song of Assurance: “I’ll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)”

1. ***For God alone I wait in silence. My soul is still before the Lord.***
He is my rock and my salvation, my fortress strong; I trust in Him.

Chorus: ***I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken, for all my hope is in his love.***
From God alone comes my salvation; I'll wait and trust his steadfast love.

2. ***Put not your hope in gain of riches; seek not your rest in empty wealth.***
The rich are weak, the poor are mighty who turn to God alone for help.

3. ***Pour out your heart to God our refuge and trust in him to hear you cry.***
No other hope will never fail you, no other love will not run dry.

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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 through His Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “We Long to See You (Psalm 24)”

Almighty God, we long to see You.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
come teach our souls to love Your truth.

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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: Jeremiah 8:18-9:3 p.1186

Message: “Wounds that Make Whole” Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” LUYH 706

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 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

Song: “Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven” LUYH 911

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: “Shepherd Me, O God” LUYH 456
“Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord”

1. ***Come, my soul, and bless the Lord, all within me bless his name!***
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord; and forget not all his grace:
all your sins the Lord forgives, all your sicknesses he heals.
He redeems you from the pit; his compassion he reveals.