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.

Communion Songs: "Nearer, Still Nearer" LUYH 659:1-3
"Wait for the Lord" LUYH 480

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: "By the Sea of Crystal" LUYH 489:1,3

Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Robert Hobby

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ✦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ✦ Strings: Antonio Garcia, Ben Ploegstra, Tim Rylaarsdam
Sound: Andy Landman ✦ Video: Terry Friend ✦ CCLI #493458 ✦ OneLicense #A-721171

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.

Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

Luke 21:17-19

You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

†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

Prelude: "Come, Worship God" — Robert Hobby

Welcome

*Call to Worship Psalm 98:4-9 — p.936

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Song: "Joy to the World" — LUYH 92

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" — LUYH 571:1-3

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: Malachi 4:1 — p.1491

Prayer of Confession

Lord, today we confess our arrogance and our pride.
Humble us in Your sight.
We confess that we rely on what our hands have done.
Humble us in Your sight.
We confess that our trust in ourselves
separates us from each other and from you.
Humble us in Your sight.
We confess that our pride causes us to look down on our neighbors.
Humble us in Your sight.
We confess that we seek salvation by our own works.
Humble us in Your sight.
In humility we come to you, God,
and seek your forgiveness, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 12:1-6 — p.1078

Song of Hope: "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

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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's Dismissal: "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart" — LUYH 761

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: Luke 21:5-19 — p.1635

Message: "Presence and Promises for Perseverance" — Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" — LUYH 325

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 God Almighty" — LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11