May God the Holy Spirit teach us,
show us the kingdom of God, show us the kingdom of God.

Chorus: ***May we go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.*** *(repeat)*

3. ***May God the Father who made us send us.***
May God the Son shine his light before us.
May God the Holy Spirit lead us, show us the kingdom of God,
show us the kingdom of God. *(to chorus)*

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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.

Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:15

Then God said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

†Ordinary time refers to the Sundays in the liturgical year between Pentecost and Advent. It is a season of growth and discipleship in the life of the church where we see, speak about, and join God’s ongoing work in the world.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: based on Exodus 20:1-2 p.118

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
"I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."
As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

*Song: "Be Still for the Presence" LUYH 532

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The God of Abraham Praise" LUYH 39:1-3,5

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30 p.1514

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, I come to you in the name of Jesus.
Sensing that you loved me before I could ever love you,
I come to you as a sinner who needs your forgiveness.
Trusting in your power,
I long to turn away from all that keeps me from you.
With your family in all times and places,
I believe that salvation—
for me, for others, for creation itself—
comes through Jesus Christ.
Thank you for this indescribable gift. Amen.

Song of Assurance: "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.

Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

Chorus: ***Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.***
Lay down your burdens, he is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

3. ***Come, taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners.***
Drink from the cup of his promise made sure.
Feast at his table as sons and as daughters.
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. *(to chorus)*

4. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking.
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross. *(to chorus)*

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Communion Song: "How Great Thou Art" LUYH 553

*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: "Trinity Sending Song"

1. ***May God the Father who loves us guide us.***
May God the Son speak the truth among us.
May God the Holy spirit move us, show us the kingdom of God.

2. ***May God the Father who knows us bless us.***
May God the Son send his healing through us.

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 810:1

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.

Communion Song: "Come Unto Jesus"

1. ***Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.***
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

2. ***Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,***
hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.

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.

3. ***My hope is hidden in the Lord, he flow'rs each promise of His Word.***
When winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

4. ***In times 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. *(to chorus)*

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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: "Open Our Eyes"

Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.
Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.
Pull the blinds, open wide all the windows.
Fill our hearts with the light of 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: Exodus 3:1-15 p.90

Message: "Who Am I?" Dr. Jason Lief

*Song of Response: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" LUYH 42:1-3,5