Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Jason Lief ✦ Piano: Ryan Smit ✦ Violin: Amie Smit ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ✦ Bass: Eden Hawley
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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.

Exodus 12:14

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

†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 & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1-4 p.982

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

*Song: "Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace" LUYH 7

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise: "As the Deer" LUYH 503
"Mighty to Save" LUYH 611

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: Romans 13:8,11-12 p.1765

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: "Jesus Loves Me" LUYH 709:1-2

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 Message

*Closing Song: "Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

1. ***Your labor is not in vain***
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
your labor is not in vain.

2. ***Your labor is not unknown***
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.

Chorus: ***For I am with you, I am with you.***
I am with you, I am with you
for I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

3. ***The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;***
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. *(to chorus)*

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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 12:1-14 p.104

Message: "Signs of Salvation" Dr. Jason Lief

*Song of Response: "Remembering with Love and Hope" LUYH 809:1-3

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 Songs: "What the Lord Has Done in Me" LUYH 800

"We Will Feast"

Chorus: ***We will feast in the house of Zion.***
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

1. ***We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.***
We are not consumed by the flood,
upheld, protected, gathered up. *(to chorus)*

2. ***In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.***
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *(to chorus)*

3. ***Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.***
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. *(to chorus)*

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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