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: "Table of Plenty" LUYH 808
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LUYH 824:1,2,5,6

*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: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LUYH 933

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Jason Lief ✦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ✦ Vocalists: Rebecca DeVries, Tammy Lief, Sara Ploegstra
Worship Leaders: Bob DeSmith, Brad Hickey, Dale & Vicki Hawley
Sound: Nick Breems ✦ Video: John Stevenson ✦ 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

September 20, 2026

Jonah 4:2b

I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

†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 Psalm 36:5-9) p.874

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the skies.
Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
your justice is deeper than the sea.
All find protection under the shadow of your wings.
We feast on the abundance you provide.
You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.

*Song: "Let All Things Now Living" LUYH 5

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won" LUYH 200:1,3-5

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: from Exodus 16 p.112

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: "Have Mercy"

Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

O, help my unbelief. O, help my unbelief.
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

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Words of Assurance: Jonah 4:2b p.1438

Song: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" LUYH 347

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 p.1529

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 p.1438

Message: "How Wide Is God's Mercy" Dr. Jason Lief

*Song of Response: "Song of the Prophets" LUYH 53:1,10,18

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.