Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026



Luke 6:47-48

I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built.

†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.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ✦ Piano: Mike Janssen ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries
Vocalist: Sara Ploegstra ✦ Worship Leaders: Bob DeSmith, Daryl & Dane Hibma
Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ✦ Video: Marty Vander Plaats ✦ 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.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16) p.914

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord
and his might and the wonders that he has done.
In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt,
in the fields of Zoan.
He divided the sea and let them pass through it
and made the waters stand like a heap.
In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light.
He split rocks open in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
He made streams come out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
Come, let us worship our God!

*Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "I Love to Tell the Story" LUYH 262

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Call to Confession: Psalm 78:5-8 p.915

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 25) p.863

Words of Assurance (based on Psalm 25) p.863

The Lord is good and does what is right.
He shows the proper path to those who go astray.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them His way.
With unfailing love and faithfulness,
the Lord guides all those who keep His covenant.
Thanks be to God.

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. ***With every breath I long to follow Jesus,***
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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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: "May the Peace"

May the peace of the Lord go with you,
may the peace of the Lord go with you,
may the peace of the Lord go with you wherever you may go.

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Song of Commitment: “Be Thou My Vision” LUYH 859:1-3

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: Luke 6:46-49 p.1602

Message: “Hearing and Doing” Dr. Justin Bailey

God Meets Us at the Table

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: “The Lord Our God Is Good”

Chorus: ***The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good,***
full of kindness and compassion, merciful and just;
the Lord our God is good.

1. ***Who else knows our deepest pain, bears it as his own?***
Finds us in our naked shame, clothes and brings us home. *(to chorus)*

2. ***Who takes his inheritance and gives it all away?***
Welcomes guests to feast with him who never can repay. *(to chorus)*

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Communion Song: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

1. ***What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.***
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. ***The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,***
for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. ***No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,***
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.