



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Covenant Community Church
come as you are



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

People: Let us be ready to feel God's power and love.

Leader: Turn your hearts to God.

People: What shall we do when we are worried?

Leader: Place your trust in God's mercy.

People: What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded and busy?

Leader: Take time for the refreshing word of God for you.

ALL: Open our hearts, Oh Lord, and make us ready for your word to us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Hymn #448

You are My Hiding Place

*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (see insert)

We Hear the Word

*Scripture Lesson

Judges 7:7-15

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Sermon

Doubt Runs Deep: The Story of Gideon

Interlude

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

And his righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn #35

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Benediction

*Response

(our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing)

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

And give you, give you, give you peace.

Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Guest Preacher:

Lynn Conver

Music Leader:

Patty Woodham

Scripture Reader:

Wayne Border

Announcements

- **Today we welcome Lynn Conver as our guest preacher. We will reflect on the life of Gideon .**
- **Pastor Jeannette will be away July 30-August 4 with her husband Lynn for a Wycliffe meeting.** If a need arises, please contact Wayne Border, Leadership Team Chairperson.
- **Sign Up Sheet:** With Summer finally here, the grass at church needs to be mowed. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you for your help. Questions, see Wayne Border or Doug Morrell.
- **Potluck Picnic, Sunday August 5:** After worship we will have an opportunity to spend time with our friends Ken and Donna Nitchie. They moved to Virginia a few months ago and will be in Vermont for a visit. Please let Carolyn Carlson (dwcvt47@comcast.net) know if you will be able to attend. It is always a great to enjoy food and fellowship together. Hope you are able to join us!
- **Sr. Meals at Covenant Community Church, August 13, 11:00-1:00:** If you would like to help, talk with Mary Sylver or Marcia Morrell.
- **Food Shelf next month--Mark your calendars please. Covenant Community Church is responsible for providing coverage for the August Food Shelf Set Up & Distribution.** Contributions can be brought in and left in the red shopping cart. Monetary donations can also be made. Questions on how you can help and participate, contact Bob Bates:
 - **Set Up, Thursday, August 16, 6:00PM** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho, VT
 - **Distribution, Saturday, August 18, 8:30-11:30AM** at Good Shepherd

Welcome!

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!

We are glad to have you here—we are better together.

If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book at the entrance, and complete a visitor's card

Please join us for coffee or tea after worship. We would like to get to know you.

Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided during the worship service.

We ask that you please pick up your child promptly after church.

This Week at Covenant Community Church

Sunday, July 29th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 1st

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant Community

Sunday Worship—August 5, 2018

Greeters: Mary Sylver

Church Cleaners: Carolyn Carlson & Cindy Lindquist
(July 16-29)

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conver, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border, church secretary (church 879-4313).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 5th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Potluck following worship, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 12th

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

Helping Us to Worship Continued

Greeters:

Doug and Marcia Morrell

Children's Worship:

Isaak Olson

Church Cleaners:

Carolyn Carlson and Cindy Lindquist

Judges 7:7-15 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁷ The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."⁸ So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him.

The Midianite camp was in the valley just below Gideon.⁹ That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!"¹⁰ But if you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah.¹¹ Listen to what the Midianites are saying, and you will be greatly encouraged. Then you will be eager to attack."

So Gideon took Purah and went down to the edge of the enemy camp.¹² The armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts. Their camels were like grains of sand on the seashore—too many to count!¹³ Gideon crept up just as a man was telling his companion about a dream. The man said, "I had this dream, and in my dream a loaf of barley bread came tumbling down into the Midianite camp. It hit a tent, turned it over, and knocked it flat!"

¹⁴ His companion answered, "Your dream can mean only one thing—God has given Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite, victory over Midian and all its allies!"

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship before the LORD. Then he returned to the Israelite camp and shouted, "Get up! For the LORD has given you victory over the Midianite hordes!"