



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

## Covenant Community Church



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Third Sunday in Lent  
March 24, 2019

**We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We will praise you with joyful lips.**

Leader: Lord, you are our God.

**People: Our souls thirst for you.**

Leader: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We behold your power and majesty.**

Leader: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We will bless you all of the days of our lives.**

\*Opening Hymn #72

*To God Be the Glory*

\*Hymn #399

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

**We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

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

Sermon

Interlude

Response to the Word (in unison)

**I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**We Respond**

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response:

*He said, "Freely, freely, you have received; freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We Are Sent Into the World**

\*Closing Song (see green insert)

*Shall We Gather at the River*

\*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: Turn to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: We have found new life in Christ!**

Leader: Repent of your sins and find God's forgiveness.

**People: We have found new life in Christ!**

Leader: Go forth as new creatures, able to serve and quick to love.

**People: We have found new life in Christ!**

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**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

## Announcements

- **Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.:** Join us at any time! Lynn Conner is the facilitator.
- **Movie Night, Saturday, March 30, 4:30 p.m.:** Meet at Bill and Patty's home. Bring a dish to share. Movie at 4:30PM, potluck and conversation follows. Movie themes and talk are for adults, not for children.
- **Community Soup & Bread Supper, April 4, 4:30 p.m.:** Please sign up to contribute a soup, bread or rolls. Questions, talk with Benita Lord or Marcia Morrell.

### Sunday Worship—March 31, 2019

Greeters: Needed (please let the office know if you are willing to greet)  
Church Cleaners: Patty Woodham & Bill Wiltshire  
(March 11-24)

## Helping Us to Worship

Music Leader: Peter Olson  
Scripture Reader: Karen Zidovsky  
Greeters: The Olson Family  
Cleaners: Patty Woodham and Bill Wiltshire

## 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's Events

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Leadership Team Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Movie Night at Bill & Patty's, 4:30 p.m.

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conner, 1-206-595-2078 (cell) or Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant at 879-4313.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Community Soup & Bread Supper, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

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.

## Luke 13:1-9 New Living Translation (NLT)

About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. <sup>2</sup> “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? <sup>3</sup> Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. <sup>4</sup> And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. <sup>7</sup> Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

<sup>8</sup> “The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. <sup>9</sup> If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

## Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod  
with its crystal tide forever,  
flowing by the throne of God?

[Chorus]:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

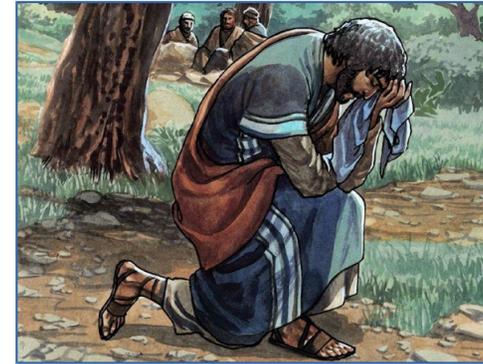
On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray  
we will talk and worship ever  
all the happy golden day. [Chorus]

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver  
and provide a robe and crown. [Chorus]

At the smiling of the river,  
mirror of the Savior's face;  
Saints, whom death will never sever,  
lift their songs of saving grace. [Chorus]

Soon we'll reach the silver river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver,  
with the melody of peace. [Chorus]

## Season of Lent



Lent commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness being honed by God for the ministry that God had planned for Him. Jesus spent those 40 days becoming empowered to do God's work. How might God hone us throughout Lent this year to be equipped for the mission planned for us? We know God's already working. We can feel it! Lent is simply an opportunity to focus even more intently on our ever-growing relationship with God.

We are seeking and trusting God's will.  
We are reaching out to our community in love and service.  
We are practicing being a thankful generous people.  
We are praying alone and in community.

Here is a link that has daily devotions during Lent that include music, Scripture and visual art. They are curated by Biola University staff.

<http://ccca.biola.edu/lent/2019>