

**Covenant Community Church**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 26, 2020**

**We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Opening Hymn #526

*Blest Are They*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you, rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **[Refrain]**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. **[Refrain]**

Blest are they who seek peace. They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **[Refrain]**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **[Refrain]**

## Opening Prayer & 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.

## We Hear the Word

Scripture

Romans 8:26-39

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

Sermon

## We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #65

*Thou Art Worthy*

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy,  
thou art worthy, O Lord  
to receive glory, glory and honor,  
glory and honor and pow'r.  
For thou hast created,  
hast all things created.  
Thou hast created all things.  
And for thy pleasure they are created,  
thou art worthy, O Lord.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #78

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou chang-est not, thy compassions, they fail not:  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow--  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**

Response

*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.*

Benediction

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Virtual Coffee Time

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### Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Music Leader:

Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Peter Olson

Julie Smith

## **Romans 8:26-39** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>26</sup> And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. <sup>27</sup> And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. <sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

<sup>31</sup> What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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