

Covenant Community Church



Philippians 1:30
We are in this struggle together....

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020**

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

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Leader: Whether are lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: We praise God's name forever and ever!

Opening Hymn #426

God of the Ages

God of the ages, history's Maker,
planning our pathway, holding us fast,
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly your children
worship before you, trustingly bow;
teach us to know you always among us,
quietly sovereign--Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong overcome,
princes of darkness own your command:
what then can harm us? We are your people,
now and forever kept by your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
teach us to trust you, love and obey you,
crown you each moment, Lord of today.

Opening Prayer and 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

Philippians 1:21-30

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #401

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

If you will only let God guide you,
and hope in him through all your ways,
whatever comes, he'll stand beside you,
to bear you through the evil days;
who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the Rock that cannot move.

Only be still, and wait his leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content;
to take whate'er the Father's pleasure
and all discerning love have sent;
nor doubt our inmost wants are known
to him who chose us for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
but do your part in conscience true;
and trust his /word, though underserving,
so shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need,
the souls that trust in him indeed.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #614

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Christ, you call us all to service,
call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment
all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice,
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the brokenhearted,
to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together,
brothers, sisters, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given,
man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent
your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.

Benediction

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.*

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

People: Praise be to God!

We Fellowship Together

Virtual Coffee Time and Sharing

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:
Music Leader:
Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conver
Lynn Conver
Grace Wakeman

Philippians 1:21-30 New Living Translation (NLT)

²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

²⁵ Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. ²⁶ And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

²⁷ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. ²⁸ Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. ²⁹ For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. ³⁰ We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

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