

Covenant Community Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: At the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

People: Glory to God. Amen

Opening Hymn #

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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

New Testament Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

“At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o'clock he did the same thing.

“At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’

“They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’

“That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, ‘Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.’

“He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair! Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?’

“So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.”

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

Sermon

‘Is There No Justice’
Dr. Jim Sommerville

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #

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

Peter Olson

Wayne Border

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 New Living Translation (NLT)

A psalm of Asaph.

¹ O my people, listen to my instructions.

Open your ears to what I am saying,

² for I will speak to you in a parable.

I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—

³ stories we have heard and known,

stories our ancestors handed down to us.

⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children;

we will tell the next generation

about the glorious deeds of the LORD,

about his power and his mighty wonders.

- ¹² the miracles he did for their ancestors
on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.
- ¹³ For he divided the sea and led them through,
making the water stand up like walls!
- ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them by a cloud,
and all night by a pillar of fire.
- ¹⁵ He split open the rocks in the wilderness
to give them water, as from a gushing spring.
- ¹⁶ He made streams pour from the rock,
making the waters flow down like a river!

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