

Covenant Community Church



"Are We There Yet?"

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

People: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Leader: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it's amazing in our eyes.

Opening Hymn #94

Sometimes a Light Surprises

*Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, God grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.*

*In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."*

*It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too.
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.*

*Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet, God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.*

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 4:3c-14

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

Sermon

"Are We There Yet?"

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #65

Though 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 #725

You Are Salt for the Earth

*You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!*

Refrain: *Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the kingdom of God!*

*You are a light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! (Refrain)*

*You are a seed of the Word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! (Refrain)*

*We are a blessed and a pilgrim people, bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!
(Refrain)*

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 Conner

Peter Olson

Susan Turner

Philippians 3:3c-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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