

Covenant Community Church



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We belong to God.

People: God's stamp is on our lives.

Leader: God's love and compassion is built into us.

People: God's mercy and hope flow through us.

Leader: Let's celebrate the powerful presence of God.

People: Let us bow down and proclaim God's goodness. AMEN.

Opening Hymn #685

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain: *Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

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 4:1-9

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

Sermon

'If it Bleeds, It Leads'

We Respond

Responsive Reading & Unison Prayer

Leader: Let your gentleness be known to everyone,

People: and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and worthy of praise—let us think about these things. May we be strengthened to do what is pleasing and acceptable in God's sight.

All: In times of difference and division, save us from rancor and meanness, O God. Help us focus ourselves on things that are excellent and worthy. Make us witnesses to your way of justice and righteousness. Transform us and transform the world, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #489

I Have a Friend Who Loveth Me

*I have a friend who loveth me,
he gave his life on Calvary;
upon the cross my sins he bore,
and I am saved forevermore.*

Refrain: *Oh, hallelujah, he's my friend,
he guides me to the journey's end;
he walks beside me all the way,
and gives to me a crown some day.*

*My Savior's love, so full and free,
doth light the weary way for me;
it fills with joy each passing day
and drives my sorrows all away. [Refrain]*

*I have a friend, a mighty friend,
upon his power I may depend;
he reigneth over every land,
o'er valley, hill, on sea and strand. [Refrain]*

*What matters if I'm weak and poor
and often meet with testing sore,
as long as Jesus is my friend
I still am blest and sing again. [Refrain]*

*O come and join us in our song,
this friend to you would now belong;
though far from what you'd like to be,
his grace sufficient is for thee. [Refrain]*

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 changest 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 endureth
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]**

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

Lynn Conver

Philippians 4:1-9 New Living Translation (NLT)

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

² Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. ³ And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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