

# Covenant Community Church



# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow down to the Lord; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**People: In the ancient times, God had mercy on Israel and led them through the desert to a new land.**

Leader: This day the Lord is showering us with mercy, bringing us hope and peace.

**People: We long to feel the showers of hope and mercy on us.**

Leader: Lord, guide our feet as we run this race of faith for you.

**People: Clear our eyes that we can see**

**ALL: All the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #123

*O How Shall I Receive You*

*O how shall I receive you, how greet you, Lord, a-right?  
All nations long to see you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.*

*Your people palms are strewing, and branches fresh and fair;  
my heart, its powers renewing, an anthem shall prepare.  
My soul puts off its sadness your glories to proclaim;  
with all its strength and gladness it longs to serve your name.*

*Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;  
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,  
in love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!*

*Rejoice then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn for joys departed and tremble at your doom.  
He who alone can cheer you is standing at the door;  
he brings his pity near you and bids you weep no more.*

## 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

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Sermon

## We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #129

*Hark! a Thrilling Voice*

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;  
"Christ is near," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
all you children of the day."*

*Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.*

*Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from Heav'n;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;*

*So when next Christ comes in glory  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy may he shield us  
and with words of love draw near.*

*Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
be to God: the Father, Son,  
and the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

## **We Are Sent into the World**

Closing Hymn #136

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!*

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers! and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.  
The Lord is now arising, and soon he will draw nigh.  
Up, watch in expectations! At midnight comes the cry.*

*See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Lord is near.  
Go meet him as he comes now with alleluias clear.*

*All you who wait his coming, rehearse the joyful song,  
which we shall sing in glory with all the angels throng.  
The holy feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand.  
Rise up, your heirs of glory! The Master is at hand.*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free.*

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

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## Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Wayne Border

### **Matthew 25:1-13** New Living Translation (NLT)

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, <sup>4</sup> but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. <sup>5</sup> When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup> Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. <sup>11</sup> Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’

<sup>13</sup>“So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

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