

Covenant Community Church



Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

People: From the ends of the earth we come.

Leader: With a word of promise, a spring of water,

People: A loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,

Leader: God turns our mourning into dancing,

People: Our sorrow into joy.

Opening Hymn #207

Christ Is the Truth, the Way

Christ is the truth, the way, the center of our life.
Christ shares the struggles of our day, our earthly joy and strife.
Redeeming what is lost and healing those in pain,
Christ walks the valley of the cross, the servant's glad domain.

Christ is the pow'r of peace, of lasting harmony.
In Christ, the wars of earth shall cease; Christ is our unity.
The lion shall lie down in peace beside the lamb.
The mighty shall lay down their crowns before the great "I Am."

Christ is the living bread, the source of grace outpoured,
our deepest hungers shall be fed, in Christ, life is restored.
Earth's hungry shall rejoice, for they shall all be filled.
The good shall welcome with one voice the justice God has willed.

Christ is our living head, our sole authority.
By Christ's own Spirit we are led to serve humanity.
We follow where Christ leads when other's pain we bear;
responding to our neighbors' needs, the cross and crown we share.

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

John 1:1-18

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #197

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still.
For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. [**Chorus**]

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. [**Chorus**]

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. [**Chorus**]

Communion

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 Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #192

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

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:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Billie Hall

John 1:1-18 New Living Translation

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

²He existed in the beginning with God.

³God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

⁶God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹²But to all who

believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’”

¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.

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