Covenant Community Church



Fifth Sunday of Epiphany February 7, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Have we not known?

People: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: They shall run and not be weary;

People: They shall walk and not faint.

Opening Hymn #581

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture Mark 1:29-39

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #357

Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want thee forever to live in my soul. Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from thy throne in the skies and help me to make a complete sacrifice. I give up myself and whatever I know, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this, I most humbly entreat; I wait, blessed Lord, at thy crucified feet. By faith, for my cleansing, I see thy blood flow: Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, thou seest I patiently wait; come now, and within me a new heart create.

To those who have sought thee, thou never saidst "No," Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn #551

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit, seeking guests to share that feast where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Communion 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 Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #72

To God be the Glory

To God be the glory great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Chorus]

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. [Chorus]

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 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 Marcia Morrell

Mark 1:29-39 New Living Translation

²⁹ After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. ³¹ So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

³² That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door to watch. ³⁴ So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

³⁵ Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸ But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

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