

Covenant Community Church



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Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ died for our sins but was raised for our justification

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Our Lenten journey is just beginning.

People: We have encountered the wilderness.

Leader: Now we are moving toward Jerusalem.

People: Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.

Leader: Lord, be with us on the journey.

People: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. AMEN.

Opening Hymn #526

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. **[Refrain]**

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! **[Refrain]**

Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. **[Refrain]**

Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God; shine
for all to see. **[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

Mark 8:31-38

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #412

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child shall I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bring heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #382

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross--
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
shed its beams around me. **[Refrain]**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. **[Refrain]**

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. **[Refrain]**

Benediction

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:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Josy Moore

Mark 8:31-38 New Living Translation

³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. ³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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