

Covenant Community Church



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Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

People: But to us it is the power of God!

Leader: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

People: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,

Leader: And the wisdom of God is stronger than our strength.

Opening Hymn #94

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, God grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
“Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too.
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he, who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet, God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

John 2:13-22

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #2

As the Deer

As the deer pants for living water
so my soul thirsts for you, O God.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Refrain: You alone are my strength and shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Day by day all your love surrounds me,
and by night you're a song within.
You alone lift my spirit higher,
and my soul finds hope in you. [Refrain]

When my soul faints and fears distress me,
I remember your faithfulness.
Hear my prayer, Lord, renew my spirit
as I come to worship you. [Refrain]

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn #568

Come Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, ev'ryone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

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 #684

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.
We all behold one vision, a stark reality:
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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:

Music Leader:

Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Peter Olson

Billie Hall

John 2:13-22 New Living Translation

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

¹⁸ But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."

¹⁹ "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" ²¹ But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

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