

Covenant Community Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice

Opening Hymn #685

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Acts 4:1-12

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #752

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity;
in our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #727

Where Justice Rolls Down

Where justice rolls down, like a mighty water,
and righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream,
and mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,
let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed.

There is a river that streams from the temple,
begins as a trickle, but ends in the sea.
As it grows, healing it will give.
Where it flows, everything will live;
where justice rolls down, like a mighty water,
and righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream,
and mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,
let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed.

Wade in the water and feel the strong current,
remember the stagnance of stale life before.
God is here, leave the past behind.
In these clear waters you will find
where justice rolls down, like a mighty water,
and righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream,
and mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,
let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed.

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 Risen 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:

Karen Zidovsky

Acts 4:1-12 New Living Translation

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ⁴ But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

⁵ The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. ⁷ They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹ are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,

‘The stone that you builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.’

¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

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