

Covenant Community Church



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

People: On the day that I called, you answered me.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession (Leader)

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (People)

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Opening Hymn #609

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.

Make your lives for Christ more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.

Come into his courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew.

Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.

Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and off'rings with you bring.

In your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For Christ's grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Mark 3:20-35

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 #570

One Bread, One Body

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

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The service is ended: oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face,
our faith every sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing your children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us: with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

Mark 3:20-35 New Living Translation

²⁰ One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

²² But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

²³ Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. ²⁴ "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse.

²⁵ Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. ²⁷ Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

²⁸ “I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, ²⁹ but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.” ³⁰ He told them this because they were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.”

³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. ³² There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.”

³³ Jesus replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” ³⁴ Then he looked at those around him and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers. ³⁵ Anyone who does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

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