

Covenant Community Church



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: My soul waits, and in God's word I hope,

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: More than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

Leader: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of the salvation.

People: His grace is sufficient for us.

Leader: Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit

People: Let us worship God.

Confession

Call to Confession (Leader):

Threats to life pierce us and cause us to doubt God's love. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins and receive new life.

Prayer of Confession (People):

Holy Three, Holy One, triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. O Son of David, forgive us. O Son of David have mercy on us. O Spirit of the living God, grant us peace. Send us out

with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Leader: Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen

Opening Hymn #733

O God of Every Nation

O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand:
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase:
when hope and courage falter, your still, small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when gentleness shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Mark 6:1-13

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #684

We Are All 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.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn #572

Let us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Communion

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 #580

God Bless Your Church with Strength!

God bless your church with strength!
Wherever we may be,
build up your servants as we work
in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith
to venture and to soar
through open skies to sing the praise
of Christ whom we adore.

God bless your church with life!
May all our branches thrive
unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,
abundantly alive.
From you, one holy vine,
in freedom may we grow,
sustain us in our mission, Lord,
your love and peace to show.

God bless your church with hope!
Despite chaotic days,
may we in darkness shine to light
a pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim
and kindness ours to share,
in humbleness oh may we walk,
assured our God is there!

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:

Laurie Prior

Mark 6:1-13 New Living Translation

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. ²The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” ³Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

⁴Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” ⁵And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. ⁷ And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. ⁸ He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler’s bag, no money. ⁹ He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

¹⁰ “Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town. ¹¹ But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”

¹² So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

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