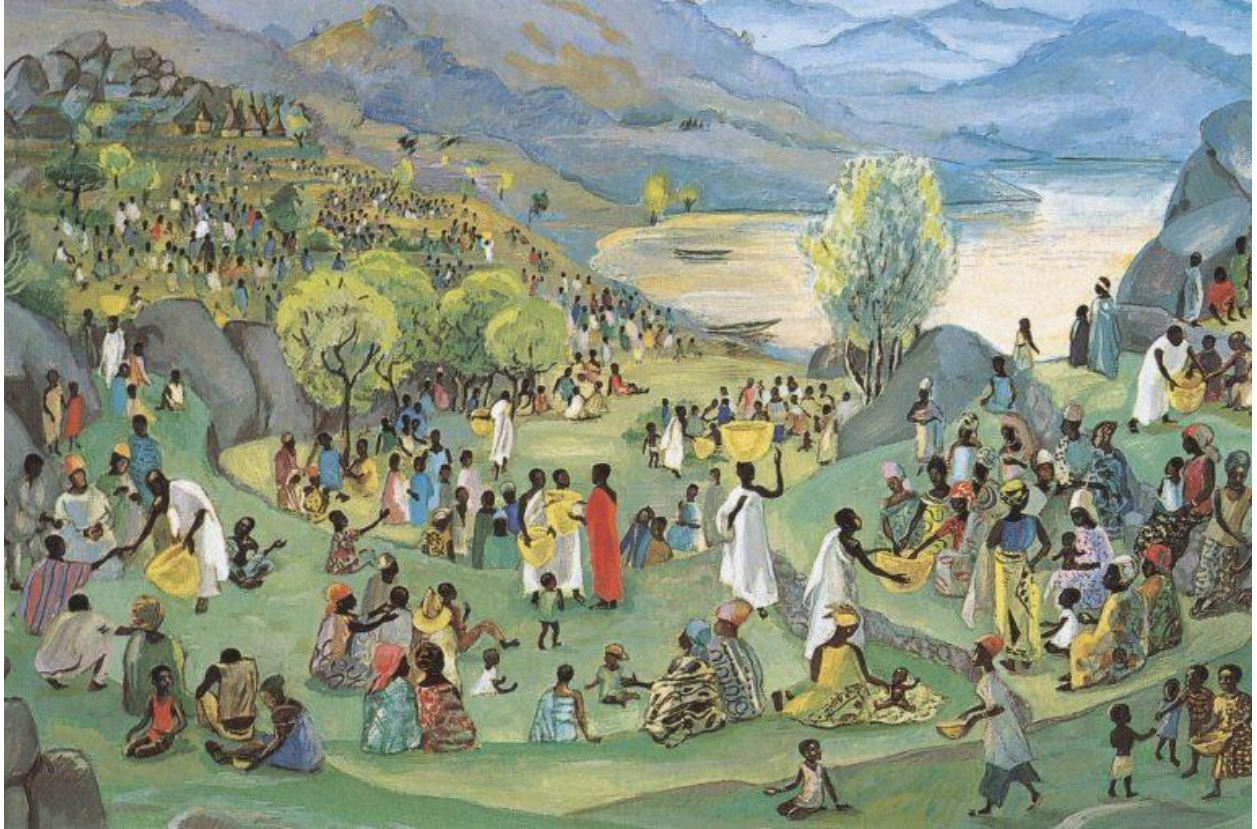


Covenant Community Church



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

People: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Prayer of Confession (People)

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins--both things we have done and things we have left undone---in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

Dearly ones, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner being. So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

Opening Hymn #526

“Blest Are They”

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #341

“Amazing Grace”

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #674

“Let the Words of the Lord”

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!

John 6:1-21 New Living Translation

After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. ² A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. ³ Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴ (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) ⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!”

⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. ⁹ “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

¹⁰ “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. ¹² After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” ¹³ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

¹⁴ When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” ¹⁵ When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

¹⁶ That evening Jesus’ disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. ¹⁷ But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn’t come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. ¹⁸ Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. ¹⁹ They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, ²⁰ but he called out to them, “Don’t be afraid. I am here!” ²¹ Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

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