

# Covenant Community Church



# 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

\*Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in God's mercy to save.

**Prayer of Confession** (People)

**God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

\*Opening Hymn #56

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

\*Opening Prayer

## **We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture

John 6:56-69

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

Sermon

## **We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn #407

‘Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us’

\*Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.*

Prayer of Dedication

## **We Are Sent into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #747

‘In the Sweet By and By’

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!**

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\*Denotes all who are able, please stand

## Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:  
Music Leader:  
Scripture Reader:  
Greeter:

Rev. Jeannette Conner  
Peter Olson  
Susanna Olson  
Benita Lord

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### **John 6:56-69** New Living Translation

<sup>56</sup> Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever.”

<sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”

<sup>61</sup> Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? <sup>63</sup> The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”

<sup>66</sup> At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. <sup>67</sup> Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?”

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

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