

**Covenant Community Church**

Every Good and  
Perfect Gift is  
from Above

James 1:17



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# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Who may abide in the presence of God?

**People: Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

Leader: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**People: All those who speak truth from the heart.**

\*Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

**Prayer of Confession**

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.

**We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness.**

**Forgive us we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Opening Hymn #68

‘Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing’

\*Opening Prayer

## **We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture

John 1:17-27

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

Sermon

## **We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn #87

‘Children of the Heavenly Father’

\*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 #655

‘We Plow the Fields and Scatter the Good Seed’

\*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 Conver  
Peter Olson  
Laurie Prior  
Gary Coryer

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### **James 1:17-27** New Living Translation

<sup>17</sup> Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

<sup>26</sup> If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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