

# Covenant Community Church



# 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Upon this gathering of your people,

**People: Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

Leader: Be near to us and speak to us,

**People: And we will proclaim your glory.**

\*Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

**Prayer of Confession** (People)

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray.

Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

My brothers and my sister, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. You can live in peace.

\*Opening Hymn #581

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

\*Opening Prayer

## **We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture

James 5:13-20

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

Sermon

## **We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn #378

*Lord Jesus, Fill My Days*

Prayers of the People

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 #374

*Savior, While My Heart Is Tender*

\*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

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### **Helping Us Worship**

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Grace Wakeman

Greeter:

Laurie Prior

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### **James 5:13-20** New Living Translation

<sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, <sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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