

Covenant Community Church



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

*Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

Prayer of Confession (People)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*Opening Hymn #684

We All Are One in Mission

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #609

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

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 Song

I Am the Light of the World

[Chorus]: I am the Light of the world.
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one.
To heal a broken soul with love.
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food.
To feel the earth below the sky above! [Chorus]

To free the prisoners from their chains.
To make the powerful care.
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
to call someone your friend everywhere! [Chorus]

To bring hope to every task you do.
To dance at a baby's new birth.
To make music in an old person's heart.
And sing to the colors of the earth! [Chorus]

*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!

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Guest Preachers:

Johanna and Mackenzie Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Julie Smith

Greeters:

Julie Smith, Murray and Ethan Thompson

Mark 10:17-31 New Living Translation

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” ²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

²⁶ The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”

²⁸ Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said.

²⁹ “Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, ³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. ³¹ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.”

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