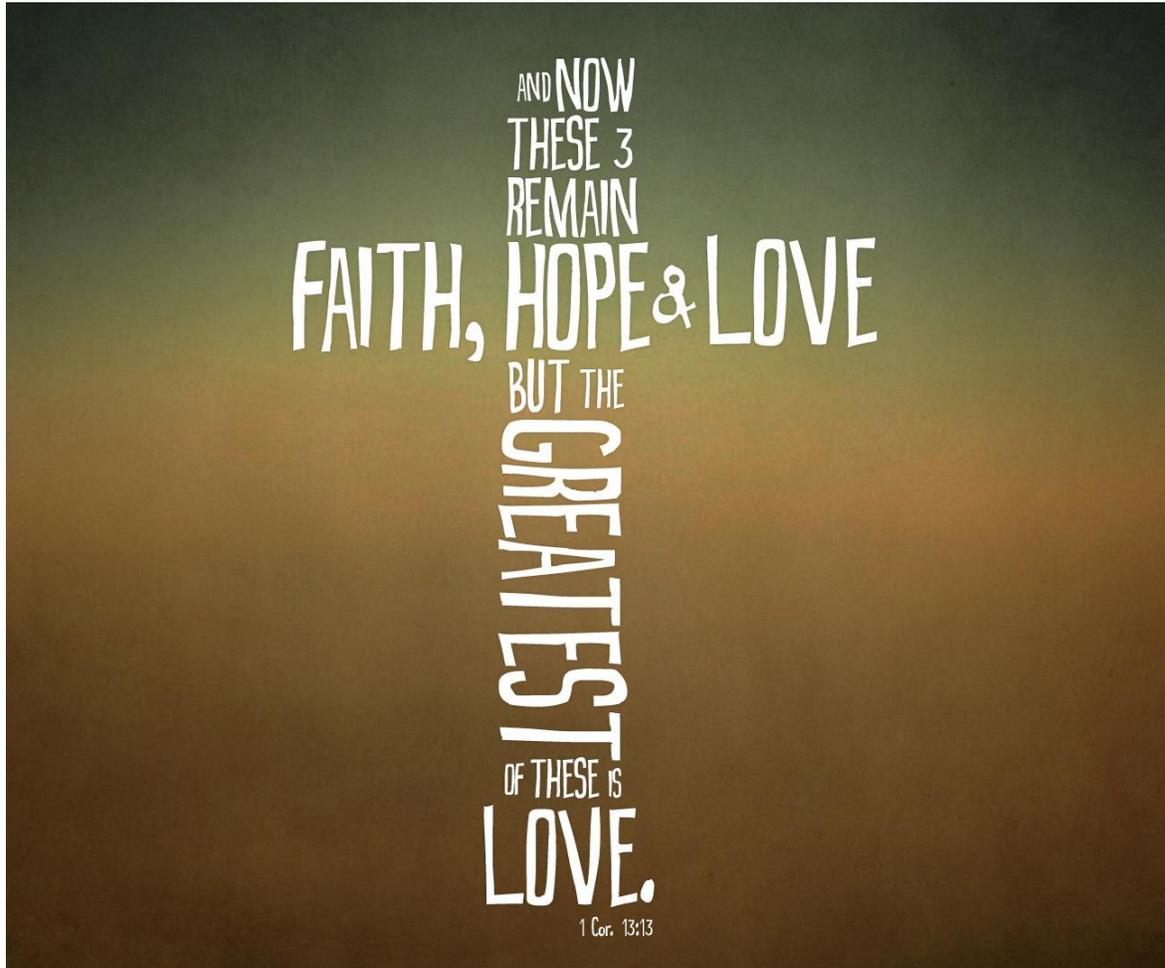


Covenant Community Church



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

People: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

People: But God reassure us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Leader: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

People: God is with us and sustains us.

*Confession

Call to Confession

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desire to deliver us and to cast out fear.

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

*Opening Hymn #

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

I Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #

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 #

*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!

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Karen Zidovsky

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 New Living Translation

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

⁸Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ⁹Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

¹³Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Contact Information

Rev. Jeannette Conner, Pastor

Pastor's cell: (206) 595-2078

Pastor Email: cccpastorjeannette@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Website: jerichocovenantchurch.org

Church Phone: (802) 879-4313

Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant

admin@jerichocovenantchurch.org

