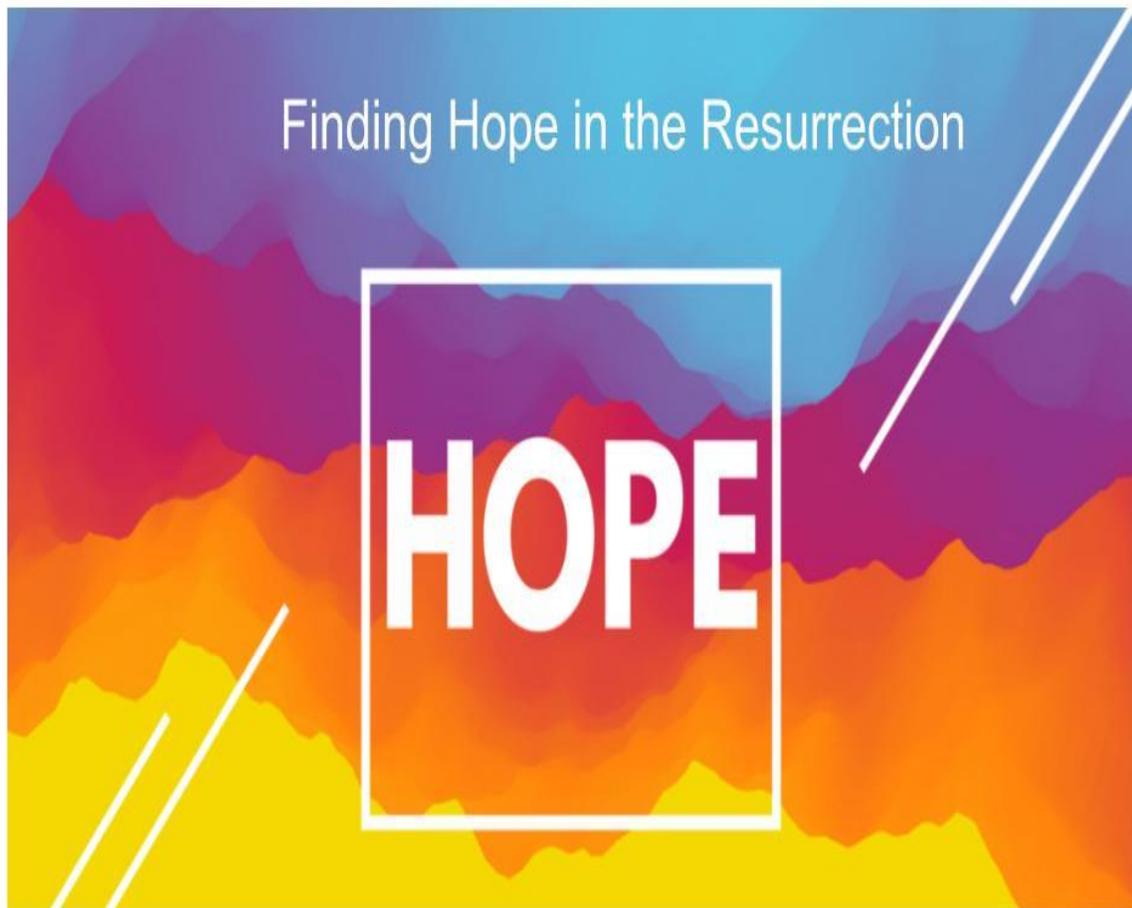


Covenant Community Church



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

People: They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

Leader: Baptized and freed, grounded in love, let us worship God.

*Confession

Call to Confession

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.

*Opening Hymn #583

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord free us, make us one!

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #363

Shine on Me

Refrain: Shine on me, shine on me, Jesus shine on me.
Through the darkness of my heart, Jesus shine on me.

See my heart, for I repent; hear my humble plea
to renew our covenant. Jesus shine on me. (Refrain)

In your mercy I implore, make my darkness flee.
Heav'nly light upon me pour. Jesus shine on me. (Refrain)

New beginnings light my way toward eternity
Lead me in your light today. Jesus shine on me. (Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn #727

Where Justice Rolls Down

Refrain: Where justice rolls down, like a mighty water,
and righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream,
and mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,
let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed.

There is a river that streams from the temple,
begins as a trickle, but ends in the sea.
As it grows, healing it will give.
Where it flows, everything will live; (Refrain)

Wade in the water and feel the strong current,
remember the stagnance of stale life before.
God is here, leave the past behind.
In these clear waters you will find (Refrain)

*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:
Music Leader:
Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conver
Peter Olson
Billie Hall

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 New Living Translation

¹² But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

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