

Covenant Community Church

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's action

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*Confession

Call to Confession

Jesus promised us that God is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked, even to us. Trusting God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your unmatched grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure--spilling out and running over. **Thanks be to God.**

Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **Amen**

*Opening Hymn #515

We Come to Our Eternal God

We come to our eternal God, the rock of our salvation;
Th'eternal arms, our dear abode, we make our habitation.
We bring you, Lord, the praise once brought,
We seek you as your saints have sought in every generation.

The fire divine their steps that led still goes as bright before us;
The heav'nly shield around them spread is still high lifted o'er us.
The grace those sinners that subdued,
The strength those weaklings that renewed, does vanquish and restore us.

Their joy unto their Lord we bring, their song to us descending,
The Spirit who in them once sang to us his music lending
His song in them, in us is one;
We raise it high, we send it on—the song is never ending.

You saints to come, take up the strain, the same sweet theme endeavor;
Unbroken be the golden chain! Keep on the song forever!
Safe in the same dear dwelling place,
Rich with the same eternal grace, bless the same boundless Giver.

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

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

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #420

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me your way!
Your guiding grace afford—teach me your way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with heav'nly light—teach me your way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me your way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me your way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me your way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me your way!
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me your way!
Shine thro' the wind and rain, thro' sorrow, grief, and pain;
Make now my pathway plain—teach me your way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me your way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me your way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me your way!

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Let us offer our intercessions to God, saying,

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Leader: Holy God, we yearn for your word and praise you for your love. God in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Leader: Make our gratitude so profound that with joy we will love and guard what you have created for our very lives. God in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Leader: Save us from self-righteousness, and help us begin our lives anew, God in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Heal the nations, Mighty Lord.

Trusting in the mercy of your never-failing wisdom, we commend into your hands all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn #605

Renew Your Church

Renew your church, its ministries restore, both to serve and adore.
Make it again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.
'Mid somber shadows of the night where greed and hatred spread their
blight,
O send us forth with power endued, help us, Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine: on our path let it shine.
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace: from each page show your
face.
As you have loved us, sent your Son, and our salvation now is won,
O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know your Word!

Teach us to pray, for you are always near. Your still voice let us hear.
Our souls are restless till in you they rest, this our destiny blest.
Before your presence keep us still that we may find for us your will,
And seek your guidance ev'ry day, teach us, Lord, how to pray!

Teach us to love with strength of heart and mind, everyone, humankind.
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate. Leave us not to our fate.
As you have loved and giv'n your life to end hostility and strife,
O share your grace from heav'n above. Teach us, Lord, how to love!

*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
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Luke 6:27-38 New Living Translation

²⁷ “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ³⁰ Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don’t try to get them back. ³¹ Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

³² “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³ And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

³⁵ “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. ³⁶ You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

³⁷ “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

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