

Covenant Community Church

Transfiguration Sunday after Epiphany

February 27, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: All of us, with unveiled faces are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*Confession

Call to Confession

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

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**

Declaration of Forgiveness

When one turns to the Lord the veil is removed. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people, I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.

*Opening Hymn #507

In Your Temple Courts, O Father

In your temple courts, O Father, once gain assembled now,
Sing we praises as we gather, in contrition humbly bow.
Here a foretaste we are given of the holy sabbath peace
Which for us is stored in heaven, when life's woes and strife shall cease.

For the hour of mercy granted we present our heartfelt praise;
Thanks, O Lord, for truths implanted, thanks for tokens of your grace.
Thanks for warnings, for instruction, thanks for newborn hope received;
Thanks for light, blind fear's destruction, for anxiety relieved.

Help us now your Word to cherish, sanctify our service, Lord!
That your trust our souls may nourish, be your will in us restored!
Help us in our daily living, as we face the days ahead,
That we may be always giving room to you, by you be led.

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #210

'Tis Good, Lord to Be Here!

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn #

Jesus, We Look to Thee

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee, let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of peace; bid all strife forever cease.
Make us of one heart and mind, gracious, full of pity, kind,
Lowly, meek in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care, each the other's burden bear;
To thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.
Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide,
All the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.

Closer knit to thee, our Head, nourish us, O Christ, and feed;
Let us daily grace receive, more and more in Jesus live.
Fill us with the Father's love, never from our souls remove;
Dwell in us, and we shall be thine through all eternity.

*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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2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 New Living Translation

¹² Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. ¹⁴ But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. ¹⁵ Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

4 Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. ² We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

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