

Covenant Community Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Eastertide

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him

People: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

*Confession

Call to Confession

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true, your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

*Opening Hymn

#320 When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture:

Acts 11:1-18

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn

#87 Children of the Heavenly Father

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

#78 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*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

Acts 11:1-18 New Living Translation

11 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. **2** But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. **3** “You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!” they said.

4 Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. **5** “I was in the town of Joppa,” he said, “and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. **6** When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. **7** And I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.’

8 “‘No, Lord,’ I replied. ‘I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.’

9 “But the voice from heaven spoke again: ‘Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.’ **10** This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

11 “Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. **12** The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. **13** He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, ‘Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. **14** He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!’

15 “As I began to speak,” Peter continued, “the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. **16** Then I thought of the Lord’s words when he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ **17** And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God’s way?”

18 When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, “We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.”

Helping Us Worship

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