

# **Covenant Community Church**

**Sunday**

**July 17, 2022**



## **We Gather**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

**People: God is good! Praise the Lord!**

\*Confession

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL**

**God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness

**...Thanks be to God!**

\*Opening Hymn

#583 Help Us Accept Each Other

\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

O Great Spirit, our Parent from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day--the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

**We Hear the Word**

Scripture:

Colossians 1:15-28

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

Sermon

## **We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn

#625 I Then Shall Live

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

**God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen**

## **We Are Sent into the World**

\*Closing Hymn

#451 It Is Well With My Soul

\*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

## **Announcement:**

**\*\*There is a Special Congregational Meeting on July 31 following service\*\***

Colossians 1:15-28

New Living Translation

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.

16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

18 Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

23 But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

24 I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. 25 God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. 26 This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. 27 For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

28 So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

## **Helping Us Worship**

Minister to the Congregation:

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Scripture Reader:

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