

Covenant Community Church

Sunday

September 4, 2022



We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness;

People: And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

Leader: So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God were they created. Male and female God created them.

People: God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'"

Leader: As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.

*Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume you pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful maker you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Opening Hymn

#10: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture:

Luke 14:25-33

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

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn

#317: Beautiful Savior!

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

*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

Communion

*Communion Hymn

#568 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord our God.

Let us give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

...in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

#674: Let the Words of the Lord

*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

Luke 14:25-33

New Living Translation

25 A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

28 “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? 29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. 30 They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’

31 “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? 32 And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. 33 So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

Helping Us Worship

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