

# **Covenant Community Church**

**Sunday**

**October 16, 2022**



## We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: How I love God's law! God's commandments and teachings are always with me.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: God's new covenant is written on our hearts so that we may all know God, young and old, powerful and powerless alike.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: In the Word we hear the good news of the gospel: salvation is ours through faith in Christ Jesus.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

#### \*Confession

#### Call to Confession

#### **Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, For our our failure to love others as you have loved us,

**Forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,

**Forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope,

**Forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you,

**Forgive us...(silent prayer)**

We offer our prayers in the name of the Oned who saves us, Jesus Christ. Amen

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Opening Hymn

#526 Blest Are They

\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **We Hear the Word**

Scripture:

Luke 18: 1-8

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

Sermon

### **We Respond**

Interlude

Hymn

#283 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

O God our Judge and our Redeemer,

**People: We cry to you day and night. Help us, O God.**

...that do not follow your way.

**People: O God, our Judge and our Redeemer, we cry to you day and night. Help us O God.**

...or a disaster of our own contriving.

**People: O God, our Judge and our Redeemer, we cry to you day and night. Help us, O God.**

...and empower us for change.

**People: O God, our Judge and our Redeemer, we cry to you day and night. Help us, O God.**

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

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

\*Closing Hymn

#395 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

\*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 18: 1-8**

## **New Living Translation**

18 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. 2 "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. 3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' 4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, 5 but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'"

6 Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. 7 Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man<sup>[a]</sup> returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

## Helping Us Worship

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