

Covenant Congregational Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

August 6, 2017

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alyne MacLean

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 92:1,2,4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4)

It is good to praise You, LORD, and make music to Your name, O Most High,
to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night.

For You make me glad by Your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of Your hands.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Hymn #295

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy, Creating, Creative God,
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.
We sing from the abundance of our joy.
We sing in voices separate and unique.
We sing with one voice as Your body.
May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF COMMON CATHEDRAL SERVICE TEAM

*HYMN *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Hymn #319

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

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THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 95 NIV (Old Testament page 550)

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

⁴ In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

⁵ The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Today, if only you would hear His voice,

⁸ "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,

as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ where your ancestors tested Me;

they tried Me, though they had seen what I did.

¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation;

I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they have not known My ways.'

¹¹ So I declared on oath in My anger, 'They shall never enter My rest.'"

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

The Worship Ultimatum

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