

Covenant Congregational Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship August 13, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Sue Plante
Psalm 104 NIV

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm Reading:

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
² The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.
⁴ He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.
⁵ He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.
⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
⁸ they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.
⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.
¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.
¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
¹² The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.
¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:
¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts.
¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers.
¹⁸ The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.
¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.
²⁰ You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
²¹ The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.
²² The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.
²³ Then people go out to their work, to their labor until evening.
²⁴ How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.
²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath,

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billy Evans

*OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

Insert

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 104)

We gather together, to share in the praises of our Creating God!
**Yet, how can we adequately describe the Creator of the universe?
In faith, we will praise the LORD. O God, how wonderful you are!
We come to tell each other how wonderful our Awesome God is!
Yet, as we respond to God's glory, there are not sufficient words!
Even so, we will praise the LORD. O God, how glorious You are!**
God's creative Spirit draws us together
to share in worship and praise of our Almighty God,
who continues to breathe life into all creation!
**God is robed in light, honor and majesty;
and has laid the foundation of this universe
as a mirror image of God's own unchanging nature.
How amazing is our God! Yes, we will praise and worship our God!**

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*How Great Is Our God
Revelation Song*

Insert

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of majesty and might, blow through this place like a mighty wind.
Inspire us with Your presence.
Cover us with Your love, that we might be Your people, serving Your creation
with care and compassion. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology

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**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

they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Celebrating God's Creation

Pastor Jason O. Mohn

PET BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*PRAYER WALK IN BUILDING FOR VBS

*Please stand as able in praise to God
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Thank you for participating in our worship gathering! We are glad that you are here this morning and pray that this might be a meaningful faith-building experience for you and/or your family.



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