

Covenant Congregational Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

August 27, 2017

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Falls

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18)

Creating God, we gather in Your name to worship You.
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.
Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in Your name to worship You.
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.
May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in Your name to worship You.
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.
**As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,
witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name.**

*HYMN

Jesus, Be My Guide and Teacher

Hymn #405

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ,
but because He has looked upon us, and called us to be His own.
O God, You have searched me and known me,
You read my every thought from afar,
There is not a word on my tongue that You do not know altogether.
May the joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with us all. Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

LuAnn Falls

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 139 NIV (Old Testament page 577)

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue

you, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

13 For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

20 They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

