

Covenant Congregational Church

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Service of Worship February 12, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	arr. Forrest
INTROIT	<i>O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord</i>	Lantz
WELCOME		Karsten Mohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless,
if we were always in step with God.

This is my commandment: That you love one another.

God, gave us commandments that we may live as effectively as possible.

With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing, we shall never be put to shame.

You are to love one another in the same way as I have loved you.

O Lord, touch our lips with your saving grace,

that our lives may declare your praise!

*HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* 27

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Most Loving and Gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the guidance that you give us from day to day in your Word and by your Spirit. We thank you for choosing to dwell among us and praise you for calling us to be your faithful people.

Bless this time of worship and of prayer, that those who need comfort may be comforted, those who need challenge may be challenged, and that all of us may grow closer together as your children— as members of the body of Christ Jesus our Risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD Karen McSherry

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 NRSV (Old Testament page 186)

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter

and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

New Testament Reading: John 14:1-14 NRSV (New Testament page 108)

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *Christ Is the Truth, the Way* 207

(Children K through 3rd grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

SERMON "Beecoming" Pastor Jason O. Mohn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

Choral Anthem *I Surrender* Rouse
*Doxology 48

**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

*HYMN *When We Walk with the Lord* (v. 1, 4 & 5) 376

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May God Be Gracious* Lantz

*POSTLUDE *Forward in His Name* Boesiger

*Please stand in praise to God, if able
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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. To more deeply connect with this faith community, we invite you to stay following our worship gathering and enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship in our Fireside Room and Narthex.



“Beecoming”

From the Sermon Series: Bee the Church

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