

# Covenant Congregational Church

## First Sunday after the Epiphany

Service of Worship January 8, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>This Great Day (March of Kings)</i>	arr. Livingston, Jr.
INTROIT	<i>Come into His Presence</i>	Anonymous
WELCOME		Pastor Jason O. Mohn

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us kneel in the darkness, **until we see God's light emerge.**  
Let us wait with hope filled hearts, **as Christ's images grows within us and shows us light.**  
Let him speak to us and teach us love, **until we open our hearts to be his home.**

\*HYMN *Shine On Me* 363

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray, Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD Bob Buckley  
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 NRSV (Old Testament page 670)

**42** Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
**2** He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
**3** a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
**4** He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
**5** Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
**6** I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,  
**7** to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
**8** I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.  
**9** See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV (New Testament page 3)

**13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" **15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

\*HYMN *All Who Are Thirsty* Insert  
(Children K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

MEDITATION Community with Jesus Pastor Jason O. Mohn

### RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

A Time of Remembrance (Please come forward during the Instrumental Song)

CHORAL ANTHEM *We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light* arr. Hopson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Buck, Current Church Chair

OFFERING *City on a Hill & When the Time Had Fully Come* Northern Lights  
Bob McIlhatten, Jason Mohn, Dave Sproul

\*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

The Words

The Bread and The Cup

+ *In the center of each bread tray is a small cup filled with gluten free bread* +

\*HYMN *Just As I Am* 331

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Alleluia* Berthier

\*POSTLUDE *Lord of Hosts, Extolled on High* Smith

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\*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.



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