

Covenant Congregational Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Gathering January 28, 2018 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision arr. Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Ingalls

INTROIT *Lord, We Worship and Adore You*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

*SONG *Out of Need and Out of Custom* Hymn #501

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SERMON – Part 1 *Together We All Win* Pastor Jason

THE WORD OF GOD Audio Presentation

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 3:1-32 (NRSV) O.T. Page #432

3 Then the high priest Eliashib set to work with his fellow priests and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set up its doors; they consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and as far as the Tower of Hananel. **2** And the men of Jericho built next to him. And next to them Zaccur son of Imri built.

3 The sons of Hassenach built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. **4** Next to them Meremoth son of Uriah son of Hakkoz made repairs. Next to them Meshullam son of Berechiah son of Meshezabel made repairs. Next to

them Zadok son of Baana made repairs. **5** Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord.

6 Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. **7** Next to them repairs were made by Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite—the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah—who were under the jurisdiction of the governor of the province Beyond the River. **8** Next to them Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs; and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. **9** Next to them Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. **10** Next to them Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house; and next to him Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs. **11** Malchijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. **12** Next to him Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, he and his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate; they rebuilt it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

14 Malchijah son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate; he rebuilt it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

15 And Shallum son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he rebuilt it and covered it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars; and he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David. **16** After him Nehemiah son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired from a point opposite the graves of David, as far as the artificial pool and the house of the warriors. **17** After him the Levites made repairs: Rehum son of Bani; next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district. **18** After him their kin made repairs: Binnui, son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah; **19** next to him Ezer son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the Angle. **20** After him Baruch son of Zabbai repaired another section from the Angle to the door of the house of the high priest Eliashib. **21** After him Meremoth son of Uriah son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. **22** After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, made repairs. **23** After them Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azariah son of Maaseiah son of Ananiah made repairs beside his own house. **24** After him Binnui son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the Angle and to the corner. **25** Palal son of Uzai repaired opposite the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah son of Parosh **26** and the temple servants living on Ophel made repairs up to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. **27** After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

²⁸ Above the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each one opposite his own house. ²⁹ After them Zadok son of Immer made repairs opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs. ³⁰ After him Hananiah son of Shelemiah and Hanun sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam son of Berechiah made repairs opposite his living quarters. ³¹ After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper room of the corner. ³² And between the upper room of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

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

SERMON – Part 2 *Together We All Win* Pastor Jason

*RESPONSE SONG *Be the Center* Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Offertory *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Harlan
 Soloist, Alexis MacTaylor

*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

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jason

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord* Curry

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. North

*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 go deeper in relationship with this church family, we invite join in on the fellowship and light refreshments after services today in the Fireside Room.



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