Covenant Congregational Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship July 2, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	*All Things Bright and Beautiful*	Eithun
*SONGS OF PRAISE	*All Creatures of Our God and King*	Hymn #55
	For the Beauty of the Earth	Hymn #56
	How Great Is Our God	Insert
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Judy Buck

*RESPONSIVE READING

How does God speak?
Not with a voice like mere mortals,
yet God speaks in many ways—in the bountiful creation around us:
"The midnight skies tell of God's glory,
the midday sun displays holy handiwork.
Each new day speaks God's language,
and night after night knows more than it can tell."

Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly:
"The talk of the cross sounds absurd
to those who think they are sophisticated,
but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God."
Amen! Let the way we speak and the way we think
be acceptable in Your sight
O God, our strength and our redeemer.

SPECIAL MUSIC *May the Words of My Mouth* by Terry Butler
Solo by Karis Watie

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19 NRSV (Old Testament page 498)

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.
2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard,
4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens He has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is Your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back Your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to You,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

MEDITATION *Absorbing God's Word* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*RESPONSE SONG *Thy Word* Hymn #524

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *In This Moment* Boesiger

*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

Call to Communion

A Prayer for the Elements

+ Today, we are participating in communion by intinction. When you are ready to participate, you may walk down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake at the front. Then, please return to your seat for our closing song. +

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

*CLOSING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name* Insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *A Celtic Benediction* Boesiger

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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.

Welcome to Covenant Congregational Church

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