

Covenant Congregational Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Karsten Mohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, we gather together to worship in Your blessed presence, within the peace and security of Your sanctuary.

We join with all creation in worshipping our Glorious God.

As we gather, we acknowledge that this beloved sanctuary is only a sign and symbol of Your eternally abiding presence.

We give thanks that these signs and symbols speak to us of the priority we are called to give to spiritual and godly values.

We praise and give thanks to God that, as we worship before our God, we are strengthened and enabled to live in God's world.

As we come to worship our God, we accept that our path in life has not always been trouble-free; but we give thanks, that in God's presence, we find our true home and blessed peace.

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* Hymn #430

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

It is good to be here in Your presence Lord.

Here we are at home with each other and with You.

Here we discover the joy of life and the strength to live each day with praise in our hearts to You. You alone are God!

You alone can show us the way to the life that lasts forever.

We love You, Lord, and we lift this prayer in adoration of Your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely* Hymn #339

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm Reading:

Reader: Heather Willis
Psalm 84 NIV (Old Testament page 543)

¹ How lovely is Your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near Your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
they are ever praising You.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.

⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on Your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in Your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does He withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in You.

Response:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Which Party Do You Long For?* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*RESPONSE SONG *Better Is One Day*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*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

*CLOSING HYMN *When We Walk with the Lord* Hymn #376

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise God in His Sanctuary* arr. Smith

*Please stand as able in praise to God
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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.



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