

# Covenant Congregational Church

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship June 18, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Walk Worthy of the Lord* Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheri Anderson

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymn #56

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God from whom every gift derives,

**we gather to worship You this day.**

You are an awesome God,

**greater than our comprehension or our imagination.**

You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You.

**And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast love.**

We come to You in thanksgiving and praise,

**to know that You are God**

and to place our lives anew into Your perspective.

**Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word.**

Instill in us, again,

**Your hope in place of our despair,**

Your peace where our hatred threatens,

**Your joy amidst our depression,**

Your love overwhelming our apathy.

**May Your Holy Spirit surround**

**and indwell this congregation now,**

**and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn #68

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy and Gracious God,

we give You thanks for family, friends, life, love—

for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us

*(Name out loud your blessings and thanksgivings)*

In Your love, **hear our prayer.**

God of our Mothers and Fathers,

Your desire for us leads the way.

May we have the ears to hear the cries of this world -

responding with Your hope.

*(Name out loud the places in this world in need of God's blessing)*

In Your compassion, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, fill us with Your love,

that we may see deeply into all the needs around us.

Help us to care with Your heart.

*(Name out loud the hurts, needs, and hope you are carrying)*

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**May Your love, Your compassion, and Your mercy carry us away this day, and lead us with love to be Your hands and heart in the world. Amen.**

MUSIC VIDEO *Give Me Your Eyes* by Brandon Heath

### THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Reading: James 1:19-27 NIV (New Testament page 229)

<sup>9</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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

SERMON *A Religion God Accepts* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

\*RESPONSE SONG *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *My Peace I Give You*

Hastings

\*Doxology

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**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

COMPASSION SUNDAY HIGHLIGHT *One Act*

Video & Presentation

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Sing for Joy!*

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.



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