

Covenant Congregational Church

Third Sunday in Lent

Service of Worship

March 19, 2017

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus* arr. Giamanco

WELCOME Jason O. Mohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP (referencing Psalm 95:6, Psalm 24:1 and Isaiah 9:2)

O come let us worship and lift our hearts

**Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,
But because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it
belongs to the God of Heaven and Earth.**

O come let us worship and raise our hands

**Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,
But because even those who walk in deep darkness
can see a great light, Jesus, the Bright and Morning Star**

O come let us worship and bow down

**Not because God gives us what we want,
But because God gives us what we need,
through the Holy Spirit, God's unspeakable gift.**

*HYMN *Praise Him! Praise Him* #319

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Thanks be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have
given us; for all the heartaches and infirmities which you have borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD Bob Buckley

New Testament Reading: John 5:1-15 NIV (New Testament page 96)

⁵ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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

*HYMN *By Peter's House* #480

(Children K through 3rd grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

SERMON The Holy Quest For Wholeness: Do You Want to Get Well?
Pastor Jason O. Mohn

SPECIAL MUSIC *Do You Wanna Be Well* The Gaithers

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Anthem *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Liemohn
*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

*HYMN

There Is A Redeemer

#75

INTRODUCTION & PRAYER FOR OUR VITALITY TEAM

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Come, Breath of God

Giamanco

*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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