

# Covenant Congregational Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship May 14, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Be Still and Know* Giamarco

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheri Anderson

CHORAL INTROIT *Come Into His Presence* Anonymous  
Joyful Noise & Adult Choirs

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here together in the name of Christ Jesus,  
**in the Presence of an awesome, Holy Love.**

A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind,  
blown all over the place without any control or choice in where to rest.

**O come, let us return to the living God,  
Let us bow before the One who is our Maker.**

\*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hymn #295

### \*UNISON PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God, today we believe that You dwell in all  
who confess Jesus as the Son of God,

**God, today we will open our ears  
to hear each one who confesses Jesus as the Son of God.**

God, we believe You invite us to accept each other as sisters and brothers,  
**God, today we accept and embrace  
all who call themselves by Your name.**

God, we believe You call us to love each other as we do ourselves,  
**God, with all our hearts,  
we will strive to love our brothers and sisters  
from every denomination and group.**

God, we believe You ask us to use our gifts  
to serve each other in unity and understanding,  
**God, may we, in a spirit of love and care,  
use our gifts to build each other up.**

God, we believe that in unity together  
we will come to a full knowledge of Christ,  
**God, may we grow together into the knowledge  
of the One in whom all things fit together.**

HYMN

*Sing Alleluia to the Lord!*

Hymn # 316 (vv. 1-4)

### 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.**

*(Children K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Mike Bassett

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35 NIV (New Testament page 78)

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'  
<sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. <sup>34</sup> Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'"

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

SERMON *When Scripture Doesn't Make Sense* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

\*RESPONSE SONG *In Christ Alone* Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Anthem *At Home Let There Be Love*

Schram  
Flute: Lou Ann Falls  
Joyful Noise & Adult Choirs

\*Easter Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.***

\* Prayer of Dedication

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go Now In Peace*

Sleeth  
Joyful Noise & Adult Choirs

\*POSTLUDE *Let All Creation Sing*

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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. 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.



Together *IN* Christ

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