

# Covenant Congregational Church

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship      October 1, 2017      10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE      *Oh, How I Love Jesus*      aar. Paxton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Karsten J. Mohn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 95)  
Come, let us sing to Yahweh;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**  
Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**  
It is good to give You thanks, O Yahweh;  
**To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
**and Your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**  
For You, O God, have made us glad by Your work;  
**At the works of Your hands we sing for joy.**

\*SONGS OF PRAISE      *You Are Holy*      Lead line sung by Men (Women Echo)  
**Verse:** You are holy (You are holy), You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy), Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow), I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You), All of my days (all of my days)

### Chorus for Men:

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
And I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

### Chorus for Women:

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings  
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything  
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb  
You're the living God You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days  
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

**Ending All:** You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You

\*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Hymn #113

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*inspired by Psalm 92, Psalm 95, and Psalm 19:14*)

**Holy, Creating, Creative God,  
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.  
We sing from the abundance of our joy.  
We sing in voices separate and unique.  
We sing with one voice as Your body.  
May the words of our mouths,  
whether in speech or song,  
and the meditations of our hearts,  
whether in prose or poetry,  
be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & SPONSERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

Gospel Reading:      *Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-17 (NRSV)*      Lita Kuipers  
NT page #4, 20  
<sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

<sup>15</sup> "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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

SERMON

*GRACE: Compassionate Communication*

Pastor Jason O. Mohn

PRAYER TO CONSIDER

Lord, I long for the courage of Jacob—to move toward rather than away from those with whom I have conflict. The uncertainty scares me. But I also believe the promise that You will be with me. I ask that this journey in which I find myself becomes a path of revelation—a place in which I encounter You and myself—in a new way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World* Price/Besig  
Youth & Adult Choir, Djembe – Kameron Burton

\*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  
+ *In the center of each bread tray is a small cup filled with gluten free bread* +  
Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

SONG *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Insert

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Traditional

\*POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Rodriquez

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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 go deeper in relationship with this church family, we invite join in on the fellowship and light refreshments after services today in the Fireside Room.



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