

Covenant Congregational Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship October 15th, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Riley

INTROIT *Come Into His Presence* Anonymous

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Ingalls

*SONG OF PRAISE *10,000 Reasons* Insert

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*)

Lord, you have been our shelter and security from generation to generation.

**You breathed creation into being,
giving shape to mountains and form to the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

You have the power to turn us back to dust;
a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday to You,
or like a brief moment in the night.

**You sweep us away like a dream,
like grass which flourishes and grows in the morning,
but fades and withers in the evening.**

Our frailty is revealed when we trust only in ourselves
and so fail to number our days wisely.

Turn to us, O God, for You alone are our hope.

Have compassion on us we pray.

Help us to begin day after day focused on your steadfast love,
so that each day will be filled with joy and gladness.

**By Your mercy and grace, O God,
transform our afflictions into blessings
and our wrongful ways into goodness.**

Let Your work be so visible among us
that Your glory will be revealed now and for generations to come.

May Your grace, O God, enrich our lives

and give meaning and purpose to our daily activities.

HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* Hymn #87

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Weston Pearson

Response: **The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious, gracious, gracious to you
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And give you, give you, give you peace (repeat all)**

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.**

VIDEO *Generation to Generation* Produced by Adam Buckley

BLESSING OF THE "ONE GENERATION" EXHIBIT Pastor Jason

THE WORD OF GOD Susan Plante

Old Testament Reading *Ezra 1* O.T. page #421

¹ In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared:

² "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. ³ Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; ⁴ and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem."

⁵ The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. ⁶ All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. ⁷ King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. ⁸ King Cyrus of Persia had them released into the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. ⁹ And this was the inventory: gold basins, thirty; silver basins,

one thousand; knives, twenty-nine; ¹⁰ gold bowls, thirty; other silver bowls, four hundred ten; other vessels, one thousand; ¹¹ the total of the gold and silver vessels was five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

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

SERMON *Returning Home: Rebuilding Life on God* Pastor Jason

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Offertory *Make My Life A Song*

Burrows
Flute, LouAnn Falls
Hymn #48

*Doxology

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT *Stephens Ministry*

Elmore Dyer,
Chair of Care Ministry

*BENEDICTION *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*

Fettke
Solo, Pastor Jason

*POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Larson

*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. We would like you to join us for fellowship and light refreshments after the worship gathering today in the Fireside Room.



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