

Covenant Congregational Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

October 22nd, 2017

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Smith and Hustad

INTROIT *Jesus, Stand Among Us* Filitz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Buckley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

**We reach out to others with the same kind of love
with which God has touched our lives.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

*HYMN *We Come, O Christ, to You* Hymn #318

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Payton Gill

SONG *The Blessing Song* arr. Fettke
Soloist, Pastor Jason O. Mohn

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 5th grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

THE WORD OF GOD Heather Willis
Old Testament Reading *Ezra 2 NRSV* O.T. page #421

2 Now these were the people of the province who came from those captive exiles whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had carried captive to Babylonia; they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, all to their own towns. **2** They came with Zerubbabel,

Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah.

The number of the Israelite people: **3** the descendants of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two. **4** Of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two. **5** Of Arah, seven hundred seventy-five. **6** Of Pahath-moab, namely the descendants of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred twelve. **7** Of Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. **8** Of Zattu, nine hundred forty-five. **9** Of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. **10** Of Bani, six hundred forty-two. **11** Of Bebai, six hundred twenty-three. **12** Of Azgad, one thousand two hundred twenty-two. **13** Of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-six. **14** Of Bigvai, two thousand fifty-six. **15** Of Adin, four hundred fifty-four. **16** Of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. **17** Of Bezai, three hundred twenty-three. **18** Of Jorah, one hundred twelve. **19** Of Hashum, two hundred twenty-three. **20** Of Gibbar, ninety-five. **21** Of Bethlehem, one hundred twenty-three. **22** The people of Netophah, fifty-six. **23** Of Anathoth, one hundred twenty-eight. **24** The descendants of Azmaveth, forty-two. **25** Of Kiriatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three. **26** Of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-one. **27** The people of Michmas, one hundred twenty-two. **28** Of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty-three. **29** The descendants of Nebo, fifty-two. **30** Of Magbish, one hundred fifty-six. **31** Of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. **32** Of Harim, three hundred twenty. **33** Of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five. **34** Of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. **35** Of Senaah, three thousand six hundred thirty.

36 The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. **37** Of Immer, one thousand fifty-two. **38** Of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven. **39** Of Harim, one thousand seventeen.

40 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the descendants of Hodaviah, seventy-four. **41** The singers: the descendants of Asaph, one hundred twenty-eight. **42** The descendants of the gatekeepers: of Shallum, of Ater, of Talmon, of Akkub, of Hatita, and of Shobai, in all one hundred thirty-nine.

43 The temple servants: the descendants of Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth, **44** Keros, Siaha, Padon, **45** Lebanah, Hagabah, Akkub, **46** Hagab, Shamlai, Hanan, **47** Giddel, Gahar, Reaiah, **48** Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam, **49** Uzza, Paseah, Besai, **50** Asnah, Meunim, Nephisim, **51** Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur, **52** Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha, **53** Barkos, Sisera, Temah, **54** Nezhiah, and Hatipha.

55 The descendants of Solomon's servants: Sotai, Hassophereth, Peruda, **56** Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel, **57** Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim, and Ami.

58 All the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants were three hundred ninety-two.

59 The following were those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, though they could not prove their families or their descent, whether they belonged to Israel: **60** the descendants of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. **61** Also, of the descendants of the priests: the descendants of

Habaiah, Hakkoz, and Barzillai (who had married one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name). ⁶²These looked for their entries in the genealogical records, but they were not found there, and so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean; ⁶³the governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until there should be a priest to consult Urim and Thummim.

⁶⁴The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, ⁶⁵besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven; and they had two hundred male and female singers. ⁶⁶They had seven hundred thirty-six horses, two hundred forty-five mules, ⁶⁷four hundred thirty-five camels, and six thousand seven hundred twenty donkeys.

⁶⁸As soon as they came to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, some of the heads of families made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site. ⁶⁹According to their resources they gave to the building fund sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly robes.

⁷⁰The priests, the Levites, and some of the people lived in Jerusalem and its vicinity; and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their towns, and all Israel in their towns.

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Returning Home: Remembering Well*
SHARING OUR PAST, SHAPING OUR FUTURE GROUP WORK

Pastor Jason
Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Choral Offertory *Glory, Honor and Praise!*

Larson
Trumpet, Connor Buckley
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

*RESPONSE SONG *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn #78

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

Traditional

*POSTLUDE *Forever*

arr. Wagner

*Please stand in praise to God, if able—CCLI #982653

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 our Congregational Meeting and Potluck after today's worship gathering.



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