

Covenant Congregational Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Service of Worship October 29, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Purifoy

INTROIT *Rejoice, Rejoice!* Patterson

**Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing; this is the day of the Lord.
Come let our joyful praises ring; come lift your voice and with us sing.
Rejoice, rejoice, come lift your voice! Come sing, give thanks, and rejoice!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Alynne MacLean

*RESPONSIVE READING & SONG *A Mighty Fortress* Hymn #464

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. [Sing Verse #1]**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns. [Sing Verse #2]**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord!
God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire. [Sing Verse #3]**

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. [Sing Verse #4]

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Teagan Mary Miller

SONG *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Hymn #86

THE 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'S SERMON

Alynne MacLean

THE WORD OF GOD

Ezra 3 (NRSV), p. 422

Scripture Reading:

Linda Wainright

3 When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. **2** Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. **3** They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighboring peoples, and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the Lord, morning and evening. **4** And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, **5** and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the sacred festivals of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord. **6** From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. **7** So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia.

8 In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the Lord. **9** And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God.

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and

the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; ¹¹ and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

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

SERMON *Rediscovering the Role of Foundations* Pastor Jason

*RESPONSE SONG *Cornerstone* Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Offertory *Take Me to Higher Ground* arr. Strommen
 Dave Sproul, Banjo 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

COMMISSIONING PRAYER *Navigate Conference* Beth Abreu, Sheri Anderson,
 Doug Falls, & Jason Mohn

*CHORAL BENECTION *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior* arr. Strainer

*POSTLUDE *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* arr. Livingston

*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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