

Covenant Congregational Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship September 3, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* Williamson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145: 1-5)

The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us meditate on God's wondrous works

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

*HYMN *How Great Is Our God* Insert

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy One, you have promised to be with us,
And long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.
We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.
O God, You are with us this morning.
Let us feel Your presence and
welcome You into our lives.
Come and fill these desires of our hearts. Amen.**

*SONGS OF PRAISE *Shine On Me* Hymn #363
10,000 Reasons Insert

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

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 145 NIV (Old Testament page #581)

A psalm of praise. Of David.

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ One generation commends your works to another;

they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—

and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—

and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;

your faithful people extol you.

¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises

and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶ You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways

and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

he hears their cry and saves them.
20 The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

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

MEDITATION *Commending God's Character* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*RESPONSE SONG *How Great Thou Art* Hymn #8

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Come and Dine*

*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

+ *Today, we are participating in communion by intinction. When you are ready to participate, you may walk down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake at the front. Then, please return to your seat for our closing song.* +
Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Take Me to Higher Ground* Strommen

*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.



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