

Covenant Congregational Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship September 10, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Great Is the Lord* arr. Larson

INTROIT *Christians, We Have Come to Worship* Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheri Anderson

*GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* Hymn #511

INTRODUCTION of *Our Relational Covenant* & *CONFESSION & CALL TO WORSHIP

We are grateful for the blessings of the church and community with which God has graced us.

With sincere humility, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of God's desires for our ministry together.

With deep thankfulness for God's love, patience and grace we earnestly seek to follow His direction for the renewal of our church's ministry.

In every way, by thought, word, and deed, we seek to build God-honoring relationships with each other.

We desire to build each other up and not tear each other down.

We will respect everyone's perspective and contribution as a joyful, loving expression for God's glory and neighbors' good.

We accept disagreement as normal and natural.

Whenever any of us has a conflict, disagreement, or criticism of another, we will communicate directly with that person, we will speak for ourselves only, and we will do so in the Christ-honoring and compassionate spirit of this covenant.

Christ taught us to put others before ourselves.

With this in mind, we will put more time and effort into seeking to truly understand each other's point of view before seeking to have our opinion or agenda understood.

We will constantly strive to be considerate of each other's feelings as we think empathetically and communicate with the utmost respect and gentleness.

We recognize that we are in a church built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ and He is the head of our church.

We will seek unity by willingly sacrificing our own desires to those of our Risen Lord in an effort to become the church He desires for us to be. Amen.

*HYMN

God, Renew Us by Your Spirit!

Hymn #604

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.

HYMN

I Look Not Back

Hymn #450

THE WORD OF GOD

Sam Schumacher

Today's Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Response:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Our Covenant of GRACE: Grateful

Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*RESPONSE SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn #68

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Alleluia Canon

Mozart, arr. Moore

Lou Ann Falls, Flute

*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.

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* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING PRAYER

The DiBattista Family

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Giving Thanks*

Cagle

*POSTLUDE *Every Day I Will Bless You*

arr. Blake

*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 services today in the Fireplace Room.



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