

Covenant Congregational Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship September 17th, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* arr. Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Alynne MacLean

INTROIT *The Lord Is in This Holy Temple* Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Head that once was crowned with thorns **is crowned with glory now.**

He came to serve and love and die; **we owe our lives to Him.**

The highest place that heaven affords **is now rightly His.**

So, come, let us bring Him glory and praise. **We worship Him as King.**

Grace, mercy, and peace be to You in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn #35

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we seek to live out our Relational Covenant of Grace, we recognize the following needs with ourselves:

Needing community, I will support our church family.

Needing kindness and respect, I will be kind and respectful.

Needing care, I will be compassionate.

Needing to be heard, I will listen.

Needing truth, I will be honest.

Needing openness and space to grow, I will be open-minded and support the growth of others.

Needing to have my differences understood, I will seek to understand the differences of others.

Needing a safe, healthy environment, I will enter into conflict in a constructive way, speaking with people directly, avoiding divisiveness, honoring boundaries, and remaining respectfully engaged.

Needing to belong, I will be inclusive and welcoming.

Needing to believe, I will listen to those with questions.

Needing to become more like Jesus, I will accept those with similar needs.

Needing grace, may we all, by the grace of God, seek to live out this Relational Covenant with each other. Amen.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*I Lift My Eyes Up
Knowing You*

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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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 12:3-21 (NRSV)

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Scripture Reading:

Bob Buckley

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Response:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Relationships: At the Core of Grace* Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*RESPONSE SONG *Help Us Accept Each Other* Hymn #583

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Choral Offertory *A Miracle Man* Raney
Djembe, Kameron Burton 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

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *O Let the Son of God Enfold You* Wimber

*POSTLUDE *God of Grace and Glory* arr. Butler

*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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