

# Covenant Congregational Church

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

September 24, 2017

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Lord, Speak to Me* arr. Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheri Anderson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 147, Isaiah 40)*

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

**Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

**Gather us in, to know of God's love.**

\*HYMN *Gather Us In* Hymn #511

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of this gathering,**

**Your Son taught us to put away bitterness and anger,**

**and with tenderhearted kindness**

**to share the fruit of our labor with the needy.**

**Strengthen us by Your grace,**

**that in communion with You,**

**we may forgive one another**

**and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE *Majesty* Men's Chorus  
*You Are My All in All*

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lord, Speak to Me* Hopson

\*THE WORD OF GOD

Philippians 2:1-18 (NRSV)

Scripture Reading:

Karen McSherry

<sup>1</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete:

be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others

as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will

and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine

like stars in the world. <sup>16</sup> It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I

am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— <sup>18</sup> and in the same way you also

must be glad and rejoice with me.

Response: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON                      *GRACE: Always Considerate*                      Pastor Jason O. Mohn

\*RESPONSE SONG                      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*                      Hymn #617

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory                      *Deep Peace*                      arr. Dixon

\*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

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION                      *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*                      Fettke  
Solo: Pastor Jason O. Mohn

\*POSTLUDE                      *With Joyful Hearts*                      arr. Lopez

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\*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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