

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, June 28, 2020  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude Fantasy in G Major, BWV 572 Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Welcome and Explanation of our Worship

Hymn by our Soloist Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

Prayers of Invocation

Reading from Scripture Exodus 19: 2-8a *NRSV*

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Solo Welcome Home *Bill Carter*

*My soul is so tired from the roads that I've wandered, and hope withers from my despair. Been so close, yet so far, as I count broken blessings, will someone notice I'm here? I watch for a light to shine in the window, I wait to hear one call my name. And I hunger to know if I'm welcome to wanted, will someone gather me in?*

*Welcome Home, all you worn out and weary. Welcome home, all strangers of grace. Welcome home, all hungry and poor, the door opens wide, find your place. The table is set, the bread smells delicious, the wine is poured out for the world. And I know that I can't ever out-run such mercy. The Father says, "Welcome Home."*

*God says right here, "Welcome Home." God says right now, "Welcome Home."*

Lorrie Loughney, soprano

Reading from Scripture Matthew 9:35—10:8 *NRSV*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them

out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Sermon

“Sent with a Compassionate Love”

*Rev. Scott G. Loomer*

Solo

Will You Come and Follow Me

*John L. Bell*

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let me life be gown in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and king and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you let the prisoner free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through the sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Lorrie Loughney, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

*Jan Bender*

### **Understandings for Public Worship**

***Covenant is glad you feel comfortable to join us for public worship today.***

We need not tell you these are unusual and apprehensive times we are living in these days. Covenant is working to make this public gathering as safe as possible, which is why we ask the following of you:

\*Please wear facemasks while entering and exiting the sanctuary. You are welcome to wear them throughout the worship service, but it is not required.

\*Know that the building beyond the sanctuary is closed to us. The only available restroom is in the Ambulatory.

\*While we love our children and families, Church School, Godly Play, and Nursery care is suspended until further notice. Please keep young children with you at all times.

\*Your Tithes and Offerings may be contributed at the stationary locations at the rear entrance to the church.

\*For the time being, we will NOT be standing or singing hymns in the service.

\*We plan to defer celebrating Holy Communion until a later date.

Covenant appreciates that you take all items you brought with you when you depart and prays that this and future experiences of worship, while awkward, may still be meaningful.