

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 26, 2020
Eight Sunday after Pentecost

“I am the LORD
your God.”

Prelude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
Prelude on *Rest*

Harold Vetter
A P Van Iderstine

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn by our Soloist

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

Prayers of Invocation

Reading from Scripture

Exodus 16: 2-15

NRSV

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but” against the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Solo Antonin Dvorak
*Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord, who hath done marvelous things. Praise the Lord all the earth!
Sing praises, shout and be joyful. Let the sea roar and all that is there-in, the round world and all they that dwell
there. Lift your voices floods and tempests. Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn, and let all the tress of the forest be joyful!*
Craig Westbrook, Jr., tenor

Reading from Scripture NRSV
Psalm 78: 1-4; 12-16
Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of
the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.
He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Sermon Rev. Scott G. Loomer
“God is Great—God is Good”

Solo Spiritual, arr. Edward Boatner
Ain't a that Good News
*I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't a that good news? I'm a-goin' to lay down this world, goin' to shoulder up-a
my cross. Goin'a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't a that good news?*
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't a that good news? I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't a that good news?
Craig Westbrook, Jr., tenor

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude Jean Joseph Mouret
Sinfonies De Fanfares: Rondeau

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 boxes located near each entrance to the church.

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

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.