

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

their eyes were
OPENED
and they recognized
HIM.

Prelude

Andante sostenuto
(from the *Gothic Symphony*)

Charles-Marie Widor

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Hyfrydol

Prayers of Invocation

Reading from Scripture

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

NRSV

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Musical Selection

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Hymn of Praise*)

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.

O blessed are that that hope and trust in the Lord.

Catherine Carter & Simone Santarsiero, sopranos

Reading from Scripture

Luke 24: 28-31

NRSV

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Sermon

"What is Communion?"

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Musical Selection

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brighten up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them everyone. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Catherine Carter & Simone Santarsiero, sopranos

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
(a la Handel)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 near each entrance.

*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.