

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 8, 2020

You shall
eat your fill
and bless the
LORD
your God...



DEUTERONOMY 8:10

Prelude

Meditation

Gabriel Dupont

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship—*Mr. Patrick Fisk*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Reading from Scripture

Psalm 100

NRSV

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Children's Message

Musical Selection

Witness

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Oh, Lord what manner of man is this? All nations in Him are blest, All things are done by His will, He spoke to the sea and sea stood still. Now ain't that a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus, as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." Said, "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went wandering about; Samson's strength was never found out 'til his wife sat upon his knee, she said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please." Now Samson's wife she talked so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair. Shave my head just as clean as your hand and my strength will be like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord. My soul is a witness for my Lord.

Jenna Carmichael, soprano

Reading from Scripture

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

NRSV

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and

underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Sermon

“Thanksgiving—in Every Season”

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Musical Selection

The Blessing

Brendan Graham & David Downes

In the morning when you rise, I bless the sun, I bless the skies, I bless your lips, I bless your eyes, my blessing goes with you. In the nighttime when you sleep oh I bless you while a watch I keep, as you lie in slumber deep my blessing goes with you. *This is my prayer for you, there for you, ever true. Each ev’ry day for you, in everything you do; and when you come to me, and hold me close to you, I bless you and you bless me too.* When your weary heart is tired; if the world should leave you uninspired, when nothing more of love’s desired, my blessing goes with you. When the storms of life are strong, when you’re wounded, when you don’t belong; when you no longer hear my song my blessing goes with you. *This is my prayer for you, there for you, ever true. Each ev’ry day for you, in everything you do; and when you come to me, and hold me close to you, I bless you and you bless me too.*

Jenna Carmichael, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Fanfare

Nickolas Jacques Lemmens

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 at ALL times—while entering and exiting the sanctuary, as well as during the service of worship.**

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

*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.

*Adult Education classes will meet in the Covenant room at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday morning.

Monday School meets each week at 6:30 P.M. in the Covenant room.

*Godly play (children age 4 through 2nd grade), Kidz Time (3rd—6th grade) and Teen Talk (7th—12th grade) will meet in the Sawtelle Auditorium, Covenant room and Room 8 each Sunday after the Children’s Message during worship.