

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost

the **TREES** of the forest
shall **SING** for joy.
Psalm 96:12

Prelude

Prelude on *Rest*
Prelude on *Hendon*

A P Van Iderstine
James Pethel

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Stewardship

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 22: 15-22 .

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Children's Message

Musical Selection

Hear Ye, Israel

Felix Mendelssohn
from *Elijah*

Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh: "O had'st thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One to him oppressed by Tyrants; Thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; Be not afraid for I am Thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou? Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens and laid the earth's foundations.

"Be not afraid, for I, thy God will strengthen thee."

Kathy Fisk, soprano

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
 Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.
 Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."
 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with
 righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Sermon

"It's Not About the Money"

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Musical Selection

Ain't Got Time to Die

Spiritual, Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die. "Cause when I'm healin' the sick –
 I'm praisin' my Jesus, ain't got time to die. "Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to
 praise my Lord if I don't praise Him the rocks gonna cry out: "Glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die. Lord,
 I keep so busy workin' for the Kingdom, ain't got time to die. "Cause when I'm feedin' the poor I'm
 workin' for the Kingdom. Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm
 givin' my all, Lord, I'm servin' my Master, ain't got time to die. Now won't you get out of my way,
 let me praise my Jesus, get out of my way! If I don't praise Him the rocks gonna cry out:
 "Glory and Honor!" Ain't got time to die!
 Kathy Fisk, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

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.