

In him you also
are being built together
into a dwelling place for
God by the Spirit.



EPHESIANS 2:22, ESV

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Rhapsody *Herbert Howells*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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

Reading from the Scripture Isaiah 61: 1-8 *NRSV*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil

of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Children's Message

Reading from the Scripture

Ephesians 2: 11-22

NRSV

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Sermon

“The Barmen Declaration”

Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection

Ride Up in the Chariot

Spiritual, Betty Jackson King

Gonna ride up in the chariot, soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band. *Oh, Lord have mercy on me, and I hope I join the band.* Gonna walk and talk with Jesus, soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band. Gonna chatter with the angels, soon-a in the mornin' and I hope I'll join the band.

Kathy Fisk, soprano

Affirmation of Faith

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Toccata

J. S. Bach