

Covenant United Methodist Church

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October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
Virtual Worship Bulletin



Celebrating 40 Years at Covenant UMC
Called to Journey Together

Prelude

Jerusalem
Kathy Herman, piano

Charles Hastings Perry

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

This is the day which the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

In days long ago, the Lord God said: “I shall be your God, and you shall be my people.”

Even today God calls his people into new covenant relationships.

We affirm Jesus’ promise, that wherever two or three gather in his name, there shall he be present among them.

We give praise in the name of God the almighty.

Opening Prayer

Gentle God: we have traveled through many waters to reach this place, but share one baptism; we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith; we are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body: we have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope; we are graced with different gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord. Amen

Opening Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation

A Look at Our Beginnings

Camille Bohannon

Passing the Peace

Scripture

Ephesians 4: 1-4 (The Message)

Special Music

People Need the Lord
Chancel Choir
Cello, Adam Bush

HcHugh-Nelson/Keverin

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Sermon

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Rev. Dave Stum

Invitation to Offering

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession*

O God, take fire and burn away our guilt and our hypocrisies. Take water and wash away our brothers’ and sisters’ blood, which we have caused to be shed. Take

hot sunlight and dry the tears of those we have hurt, and heal their wounded souls, minds and bodies. Take love and root it in our hearts so that brotherhood may grow, transforming the dry desert of our prejudices and hatreds. Take our imperfect prayers and purify them, so that we mean what we pray and are prepared to give ourselves to You along with our words. We pray this through Jesus Christ, who took our humanness upon him and lived among us, sharing our life, our joys and our pains. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication*

O Lord our Father, please accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving. We thank you that in Jesus Christ we find forgiveness for all that is past, and a new future of meaning and purpose. Here and now, we offer ourselves to you. May we find our lives filled with grace and goodness, and, though none of us deserves it, lead us to a new life together. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Farewell to Jerry Brown

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord
Chancel Choir

Benediction

Postlude

*The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication were used in the first worship service of Covenant UMC on October 5, 1980.

