



Covenant Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY ~August 23, 2020



Prelude

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" (T498)

Pastor's Welcome

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1

***Hymn of Praise**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (C90)

***Confession of Faith**

Belgic Confession, Article 35B

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?*

People: We believe that to support the physical and earthly life God has prescribed for us an appropriate earthly and material bread, which is as common to all people as life itself. To represent to us this spiritual and heavenly bread Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood. He did this to testify to us that just as truly as we take and hold the sacrament in our hands and eat and drink it with our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

Now it is certain that Jesus Christ did not prescribe his sacraments for us in vain, since he works in us all he represents by these holy signs, although the manner in which he does it goes beyond our understanding and is incomprehensible to us, just as the operation of God's Spirit is hidden and incomprehensible.

***Hymn of Confession**

"And Can It Be" (Words: T455)

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own Son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20-21

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-44

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Deuteronomy 8:18

Offertory Hymn

"Psalm 15" (Tune: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)

LORD, who may stay within your tent, Your sacred dwelling-place?
And who upon your holy hill may live before your face?

Whoever walks a blameless path, who acts in righteousness,
And who will always from the heart sincerely truth express.

He casts no slur on anyone nor does his neighbor wrong;
He has no spite within his heart or slander on his tongue.

He honours those who fear the LORD; he worthless he'll despise.
He keeps the oath which he has sworn, however high the price.

He lends his money at no charge; no bribe can he endure.
Those who behave in life like this will always stand secure.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:103

Sermon

Ezra 10:1-17

"Repenting in Heavy Rain"

The God Restores Series

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

***Hymn of Response**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (T345)

***Benediction**

II Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn of Benediction**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (T342, vs 5)

***Postlude**