

WELCOME HOME

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 2, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

Aria in F Major
BY: G.F. Handel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Members and friends of First Covenant Church, hear this truth: We are gathered as a community in this space, at this time, because God has invited us to be God's community, the very Body of Christ in the world. It was Jesus Christ himself who declared that we would do greater works than he. There is both promise and challenge in this truth, it is both welcome and daunting.

But how can we, as limited and inconsistent as we are, live into these words? How can we be faithful members of this church, and faithfully reveal the power of God in the world?

It is God's Spirit that binds us together, the very Spirit that gifts us for God's service, and that same Holy Spirit that makes our worship sacred.

Then let us join our voices and invite God's Spirit into our lives, into our midst, and into our worship.

***HYMN** #521: *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1:1-6 (*Old Testament pages 762-763*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 137 **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (*New Testament page 211*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10 (*New Testament page 80*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN #420: *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Hear My Words*

BY: Stephen Paulus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Bread Of Life, Cup of Blessing*

BY: Michel Guimont

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

SUNG RESPONSE

His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!
His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!
His coming we await, now as these gifts we take.
Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!

BLESSING

BREAKING: *Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.*

GIVING: *Offering the bread, offering the cup.*

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #575:** *Now Let Us from this Table Rise*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious, Gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you, Give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Festival March
BY: G.F. Handel

Join us after the service in the Narthex, for coffee, treats and a time of conversation.

Welcome!



TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of **Adam Johnson's** 40th birthday, by **Sheri, Anna, Etta, and Thea.**
Happy birthday, Adam!

GREETERS: Leach family
ACOLYTES: Catelyn and Jonah
READERS: HansPetersen family
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jane Leach
USHER: Jane Leach
COFFEE SERVERS: Ann and Trevor Scranton
LIVESTREAM: Signe Blomgren

