

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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“Jesus Preaching in the Present” 20 C Rottne, Sweden, from “Art in the Christian Tradition”, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Liturgist: Elder Leanne Heaton

Musician: Alison Carey

YouTube Producer: Brian F. Graff

~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

presented before the live broadcast

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION †

Do we make you laugh or weep, Gracious God? We sing that we are one in your Spirit, but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us. We talk of being one Body, but fight over music or Bible versions or carpet colors. We affirm the giftedness of each person, but we heap honor on just a special few.

Forgive us, Creative God, that we dismember your Body so easily. May the words of our mouths speak peace to the brokenness in our world; may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair; and may our love embrace all who are around us, even as we have been welcomed by your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope, Christ's people for the world.

People: **Anointed, we can care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, and live with one another. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 459 v.1 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

OT LESSON Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10 *Pew Bible P.379-380*

Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 19 Hymn 61 *Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

NT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a *Pew Bible P.933-934*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4: 14 – 21 *Pew Bible P.835*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON *Talking About God, Again – Out Loud* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 601 *Amen* DANISH AMEN

Amen. Amen. A—men.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the United Church of Canada*

We are not alone; we live in God's World. We believe in God: who has created and is still creating; who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. He works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and to serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

Worship Volunteers: Please sign-up in the assembly room to be an offering usher, communion server, or narthex greeter on Sundays. The Worship & Music team appreciates your help!

Just 37 Days Away!

The Annual Pancake Supper & Basket Raffle

Tuesday, March 1st 5:30 PM

Do you have any new ideas you'd like us to try?
Let us know how to make the event fresh & exciting!

Accepting Nominations for Pancake Princess:

Who will take over the Big Spatula from 2021 Princess Linda Peters?

Think about what basket(s) you can donate to the raffle!

Do you have a local business in mind that may offer products in exchange for marketing opportunities?

And yes, by popular demand, BACON will be back!

It's never too early to plan on attending!



Just 14 Days Away!
SOUPer Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 6th 12:15 PM

Soup-makers Needed!

We'd like to have 7 – 8 soups presented in 5 -6 qt. crockpots
Sign-up in the Assembly Room.

Do you like to bake homemade treats & cookies?
Then bring some of your wares in to sell & add to our donation total!

Eaters also needed!

Suggested minimum donation:
\$5/bowl; \$2 each additional

We accept credit/debit, cash, and even old-fashioned checks!

