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New Covenant Presbyterian Church
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The Worship of God

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Part 5 of Sailboat Church Series

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....



Have you ever seriously considered your call from God? Each of us is called to serve God in some fashion with the talents given to us. While role models are helpful, we are not called to copy other people. Rather, we are to become fully the people that God created us to be, living our own lives in response to our own calls – as Jesus lived out his life faithful to God's call for him. So it is that hearing one's call is akin to discovering one's true self." - Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: We gather together today to worship the One who created us,

P: *The One who calls us -*

L: The One who equips us -

P: *The One who loves us without end.*

A: *With joyful hearts, let us worship our God that we might discern the calls God has laid on our hearts.*

*Hymn of Praise

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

430

*1-Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!*

*2-Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision,
Dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!*

3-Let courage be our friend,
 Let wisdom be our guide,
 As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
 In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
 And praise the Lord!

4-Come sing, O church, in joy!
 Come join, O church, in song!
 For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
 In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
 And praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, you call us to be your people, to do your work, and to proclaim our faith by our actions. Forgive us when we refuse to hear your call, when we fail to do your will, when we speak meaningless words instead of witnessing to our faith, or when we are silent in the face of challenge. Turn us around, by the power of your Spirit, so that we may live as your faithful people. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- L: Sisters and brothers, we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
P: Yes, we do not deserve God's love and forgiveness.
 L: And yet, due to God's gracious mercy, we are forgiven and set free to live new lives.
P: What Good News that is for one and all!
 L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel -
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 42: 1-9

God's Servant – A Light to the Nations

Lay Leader



Here is my servant, whom I uphold, **my chosen**, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, **I have called you** in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; **I have given you as a covenant** to the people, **a light to the nations**, **to open the eyes** that are blind, **to bring out** the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Second Lesson I Cor. 12: 4-18 One Body With Many Members, Each With Different Gifts
Carol

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Answering God's Call to Service

Responding to the Word

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

525

1-I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2-I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them,
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my Word to them.
 Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

3-I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them,
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide,
 Till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

*Affirmation of Faith

A portion of *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA, 1991*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
 And anytime I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts



God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.

Going Out to Serve

Closing Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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1-Called as partners in Christ's service,
 Called to ministries of grace.
 We respond with deep commitment,
 Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 May we learn the art of sharing,
 Side by side and friend with friend,
 Equal partners in our caring
 To fulfill God's chosen end.

3-Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
 In a small or global sense,
 Help us bear each other's burdens,
 Breaking down each wall or fence.
 Words of comfort, words of vision,
 Words of challenge, said with care.
 Bring new power and strength for action,
 Make us colleagues, free and fair.

*2-Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old.
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*4-So God grant us for tomorrow,
Ways to order human life,
That surround each person's sorrow,
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith, thus giving,
Hope and confidence and peace.*

Blessing

- L: We have heard your glorious whisper, holy One – almost silent, yet insistent, breaking through the chatter of many voices – the clatter of background noises such as the wind, rain, storms, and hurricanes.
- P: *Through all of this, your Voice remains unchangeable. It cuts through to our hearts and souls, and it is unmissable, saying "Come follow me and pick up the Cross.***
- L: My burden is no burden at all, it is simply love, poured out for you. And through you, sustaining and empowering, it calls us with the words, "Come follow me."
Friends, may the blessings...

Response

*He Is Lord - He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*