

# Gathered Worship September 18, 2022

#### **God Welcomes Us**

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

ALL: "The LORD has done great things for them."

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

ALL: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

Leader: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

ALL: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

\* Song of Praise Psalm 126

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Invocation

#### **God Restores Us**

Confession of Sin

ALL: Have mercy on me, gracious Father, according to your steadfast love and your abundant mercies. Forgive me for trying to be the Lord over my own life. Forgive me for claiming any merit for my own righteousness. You owe me nothing, but I owe you everything. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a desire to please you in all that I do and say. I pray in the name of Christ Jesus my Redeemer, whose mercies are new each day. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8, 9

Leader: God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1, 2

ALL: 1. All saints, who are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do contribute to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

2. Those who profess to be saints are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend toward their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their various abilities and needs. This communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended to all those who, in every place, call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

\* Song of Adoration

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Serving September Opportunity

Pastoral Prayer

**ALL:** 

Congregational Prayer

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Our Father 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# **God Nourishes Us**

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-13 (p. 949)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

\* Song of Preparation

I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon

"The Spirit-Led Community"

Galatians 5:25-6:10 (p. 975)

Rev. Billy Boyce

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our

own,

ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one

another.

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him!

(partake of the bread together)

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him!

(partake of the cup together)

\* Doxology

\* Benediction

# **Sermon Notes**

| 1. | What is a Spirit-led community?      |
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|    | Holy and Humble                      |
|    | Communal and Personal                |
|    | Present and Future                   |
| 2. | Why should we pursue this community? |
|    | Honoring God                         |
|    | Honoring the Church                  |
|    | Honoring the Times                   |
| 3. | How can we pursue this community?    |
|    | Listen                               |
|    | Learn                                |
|    | Lean                                 |

#### **Announcements**

# **Serving September**

As part of our mission to "bless our neighbors," the deacons are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Serving September, with opportunities throughout the month to serve. Stay tuned each week for new opportunities to get involved, whether with time, money or gifts.

# **Fall Sunday School**

Our Fall Sunday School classes continue today, immediately following worship. Please reach out to our Office Administrator, Leah Campbell, for more information about our class offerings.

# Women's Bible Study: 1 Samuel

Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays from 10-11:30AM at the church. Contact Melynda with questions or for a study guide. If you're interested in a women's study group that would meet at another time, let her know.

# **Youth Group**

This Fall, Jansen & Sara Woo are hosting several youth group events for our students. Upcoming dates include September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jansen (janswoo@gmail.com) or Sara (sara31806@gmail.com).

## **Book Discussion Group**

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, Sandy Langley will be hosting a book group on select Saturday evenings at her home in Vienna. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sandy (zazlynne45@yahoo.com).

## **Planning Ahead**

**September 18**: PathForward bagged meal service opportunity

October 2: Fall Membership Class

October 14: "Cocktails for Sweater Weather" women's social

#### Welcome to CCA!

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning. As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

#### For All Visitors:

• After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

#### For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

#### **About Communion:**

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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