

Covenant Congregational Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Service of Worship January 29, 2012 10:30 a.m.

I think self-righteousness is the bane of human relations... it blocks our capacity for self-criticism, destroys humility and undermines the sense of oneness that should bind us all.

-William Sloane Coffin, Letters to a Young Doubter

PRELUDE *Lamentation* Peterson

GATHERING SONG *How Great Is Our God* Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The God-head, three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,

the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!

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How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Jesus Stand Among Us*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to worship,

So we might together go and serve.

We come together to receive the light,

So we might together shine in the darkness.

We come together blessed with God's love,

So we might together bless others by sharing love.

Together we are the Body of Christ.

Together we witness in Christ's name.

*HYMN *God, Creator of Your People* 585

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord of our lives, we know You are always present to us. Help us to be present to You as we prepare to hear Your Word as revealed in the Scriptures. Keep us alert that we might hear, and hearing, respond. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Mike Bassett, lay reader

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 111

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. Harlan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(children through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Church)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *I Surrender All* arr. Keveren

*Doxology 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN *Change Your Church, O God* 607

SERMON "Am I a Stumbling Block?" Pastor Johnny

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN *We Are God's People* 600

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen*

*POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Keveren

*Please stand in praise to God, if able

Welcome! Whether you are here for the first time or have been here often, know that you are among friends and welcomed in the name of Jesus who always met people in love.

We pray that this might be a place where you BELONG, BELIEVE and BECOME!

- Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex by the Sound Room.
- Nursery care is provided downstairs for infants through kindergarten-aged children.
- A parent/infant room is available at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large print copies of the worship bulletin and hymns are available from the ushers.

Piano: Heather Raduazzo

Organ: Susan Santry

Acolytes: Zac Zelinski & Zach Vogel



...a place to **BELONG**

...a place to **BELIEVE**

...a place to **BECOME**

Established as a local congregation in 1884, we are grateful to God for the opportunity He has given us to serve Jesus Christ among the people of Easton and the surrounding communities.

To learn more about us, as well as our denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, please visit our website at

www.ecovchurch.org

Pastor:

Rev. Johnny Agurkis

Director of Music Ministries:

Kirstie Wheeler

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Nancy Hall



*God, Creator of your people, you have called us to be one;
As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.*