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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Lloyd Larsen

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 629, vs. 1-3

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-13

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

“How to Believe”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 65

“*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“*The Solid Rock*”

Lloyd Larsen

This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema to the virtual pulpit. Barb is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). She has served churches in the RCA, UCC, and PC(USA). She is married to Dr. Doug Edema. Barb & Doug moved from Johnson City back to Michigan in November 2013. They enjoy visiting and staying connected with the people of Covenant!

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgists:

Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Kathi Cary & Don Hart

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