

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today! May God grant you comfort and peace through these challenging days. Stay safe and be well. Blessings!

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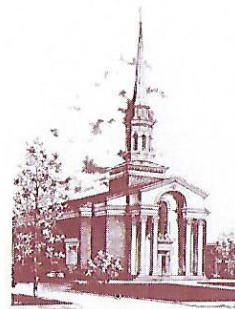
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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
 Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

AUGUST 9, 2020

10:30 AM

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name!

People: Make known God's good works among all people!

Leader: Sing to the Lord! Sing praises!

People: Glory in God's holy name and rejoice!

HYMN #14 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4) – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, we confess that we are unfaithful people. We call ourselves your disciples, but we do not follow where you lead. We call ourselves your servants, yet we do not do as you command. We call ourselves your children, but we do not love you with our whole hearts. We call ourselves Christian, yet we do not live as Christ calls us to live. Forgive us, Lord. Inspire us to be more faithful, more obedient, more loving, and more dedicated to you – our Lord and our God . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Hymn #729 (Stanza 4)

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Ruth 1:1-22

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Matthew 16:24-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY: RUTH AND NAOMI”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN #727 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5, 1) – *The Servant Song*

***Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey;
We’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.***

***I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we’ve seen this journey through.***

***When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together
Of Christ’s love and agony.***

***Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.***

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

HYMN #700 (Stanza 1) – *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgist: Beverly Riddell

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