# 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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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020** 

10:30 AM

# STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**PRELUDE** 

## **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 deeds among all peoples!

Leader: Sing to the Lord! Sing praises!

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Praise the Lord!

HYMN #396 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4) – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him. Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found. Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we are greedy people. We hunger for more – more happiness, more wealth, more things; we hunger for the wrong things, Lord, but we hunger too little for you. We want water to quench our thirst and wine to gladden our hearts, but we do not thirst for justice and righteousness. We whine about our unsatisfied needs and fail to give thanks for our blessings. Forgive us. Kindle in our hearts faith in you and trust in your constant care, so that we may live confident, faithful, joyful, generous lives in your service. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Hymn #307 (Stanza 2)

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

### **GROWING IN FAITH**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PRAYER** 

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Exodus 16:1-8, 13-31, 35
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....John 6:35, 48-51
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON......JOHN PETERSON
"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"

### 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 #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 me 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.

### SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (..."sins")

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

**PRAYER** 

HYMN #582 (Stanza 1) – Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

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