

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

OCTOBER 18, 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 99)

Leader: The Lord reigns! The people stand in awe, and the earth quakes.

People: The Lord is great and is exalted over all peoples!

Leader: Praise the great and awesome name of the Lord!

People: Holy is the Lord our God!

HYMN #839 (Stanzas 1 & 3) – *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

***REFRAIN: This is my story; this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long;
 this is my story; this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest;
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (REFRAIN)***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have promised to be with us at all times and in all places. We confess that too often we are blind to your presence and deaf to your voice. We are distracted with other things, with lesser things, with selfish things, with unholy things. We forget you and disobey you, even as we cry out for you. Forgive us. Open our eyes to your presence; open our ears to hear your voice; open our hearts to receive your good news, so that we may live with less fear and with greater peace and joy. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Hymn #437

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Exodus 33:12-23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....John 21:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON.....Amy Bussey, Travis Tysinger, Frances Craig
“WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD IN THE MIDST OF THIS PANDEMIC?”**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — From the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is

sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

HYMN #462 – *I Love to Tell the Story*

***I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
REFRAIN: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

***I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. (REFRAIN)***

***I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
‘twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (REFRAIN)***

SERVING IN LOVE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

HYMN #526 (Stanza 1) – *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
***Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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