

## 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](http://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

MARCH 7, 2021  
 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 AM

### STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

### WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 19*)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**People: All the earth proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

**People: The Lord is our rock and our redeemer!**

HYMN #450 (Stanzas 1 & 2) — *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
 Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
 Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that our ways are not your ways. You are holy; we are unholy. You are righteous; we are unrighteous. You are wise; we are foolish, forgetful, and fickle. Your weakness is greater than our greatest strength. Yet, still we doubt you, disobey you, and disappoint you. Lord, forgive our feeble faith and delusional pride. Grant us your wisdom, and inspire us to live with humble courage and persistent faith as disciples of the risen Christ. Lord, hear our prayer (silent confession) . . .

KYRIE – Hymn #2275

*Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.  
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON.....1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5  
SECOND LESSON.....Matthew 5:10-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON  
“WHERE IS THE ONE WHO IS WISE?”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Heidelberg Catechism)

**What is your only comfort, in life and in death?**  
*That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

HYMN #216 (Stanzas 1 & 2) — Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #525 (Stanzas 1 & 2) — *Let Us Break Bread Together*  
*Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*  
  
*Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
*(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)*

PRAYER

HYMN #738 (Stanza 4) – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
*In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future’s broadening way;  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE