

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

HYMN #240 (Stanza 2) – *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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!

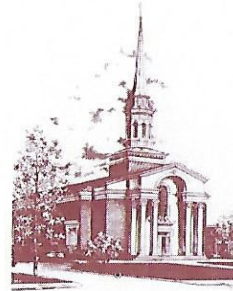
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Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshipping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

MAY 2, 2021

10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Psalm 22)*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the Lord!

People: All the families of nations shall worship before the Lord!

Leader: Dominion belongs to the Lord our God!

People: The Lord rules over all! Alleluia!

HYMN #267 (Stanzas 1 & 2) — *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are your people by grace. Forgive us for thinking that we have earned your good favor despite our sins. Forgive us for excluding those whom you have called into our family of faith, instead of welcoming them with open arms. Forgive us for judging too quickly, forgiving too slowly, and making too many excuses. Open our minds and hearts to the new things you are doing in our midst by the work of your Spirit, and move us to greater faith and faithfulness. Lord, hear our prayer (silent confession) . . . Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn #250 (Stanza 3)

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 56:3-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

“THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *The Apostle’s 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 #769 (Stanzas 1, 3 & 5) — *For Everyone Born*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,
REFRAIN: And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong, REFRAIN*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free, REFRAIN*

SERVING IN LOVE

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #494 (Stanzas 1 & 3) — *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of all,
From the best bless that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

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

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