

*HYMN No. 301 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5).....TWO OAKS

All Are Welcome

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

REFRAIN:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;**

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;**

let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;**

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN No. 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.

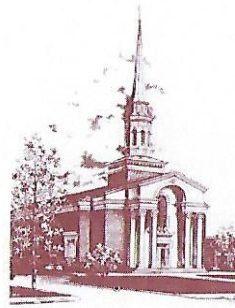
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POSTLUDE

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

MAY 15, 2022
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM

This service is live streamed on Facebook.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens!

People: Sun, moon, and stars, praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise the Lord all the earth!

People: Mountains and hills, birds and beasts, praise the Lord!

Leader: Men and women, old and young together, praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name alone is exalted!

Praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN No. 15 (stanzas 1, 2, 4,6).....LASST UN ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,

O sister moon with silver gleam,

sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God our Creator, we confess that we are not the people you created us to be. Your divine image is distorted in us, for we love wrongly, serve selfishly, and forgive reluctantly. We live with too much judgment and too little grace. We resist the leading of your Spirit, especially when you ask us to change. Lord, forgive us. Inspire us to be more faithful, welcoming, loving people, following the example of your Son, our Savior. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 245, stanza 3**

***Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where O death is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING.....Pg. 617 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
*Psalms 24:1-6***

**SECOND READING.....Pg. 158 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
*Acts 11:1-18***

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"ALL ARE WELCOME!"

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 arose 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 No. 754BARONITA**

Help Us Accept Each Other

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.***

***Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.***

***Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!***

SERVING IN LOVE

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION - David Stahl

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

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