

REFRAIN:
*"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."*

*"I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. REFRAIN*

*"I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! 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.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

POSTLUDE

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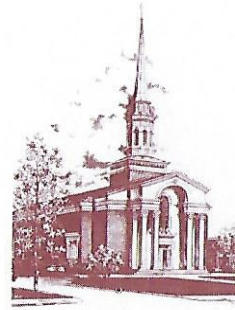
Welcome!

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!

The flowers today celebrate God's joy within all of us and the Classes of 2022 – kindergarten, high school, trade school, college or university. Congratulations to all who have completed a program of study and thank you to the families, friends, teachers, and mentors who helped the students along the way.



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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

MAY 22, 2022

10:30 AM

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us!

People: May God's face shine upon us all!

Leader: May God's way be known in all the earth!

People: May God's name be praised by all people in all places!

*HYMN No. 394.....(alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.*

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*Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are unholy, ungrateful people. We take for granted our blessings – then ask for more. We sin without regret or repentance. We exalt form over substance, satisfy our wants over others' needs, and skew our priorities. Forgive us. Help us to discern your will, to follow faithfully where you lead us, and to live graciously and gratefully day to day. 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. 117 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
John 5:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES"

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. 795Haugen

Healer of Our Every Ill

REFRAIN:

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. REFRAIN*

*In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. REFRAIN*

*Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. REFRAIN*

*You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. REFRAIN*

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 177YOU ARE MINE

I Will Come to You

*"I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.*

*"I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.*

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