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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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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

JULY 3, 2022

10:00 AM

This service is live streamed on Facebook.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

WORSHIPPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord glorious praises!

Leader: How awesome are God's deeds!

How great is God's power!

People: Sing praises to the Lord our God!

*HYMN No. 331.....NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we confess that we fail to give you what is yours. You call us to be faithful stewards, but we abuse the earth entrusted to our care, hoard our resources, misdirect our talents, and use our good gifts for unholy purposes. Though you love us without end, we do not give you our wholehearted love. Forgive us. Stir in us faith and a commitment to be more faithful in all that we say and do – and have. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 838, Stanza 4

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN' MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 1060 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Micah 6:6-8

SECOND READING.....Pg. 30 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Matthew 22:15-22

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

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON
"COINS IN YOUR POCKET"

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. 708.....SCHUMANN
We Give Thee but Thine Own

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN No. 515 (Stanzas 1 - 3) — *I Come with Joy*

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

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

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 340.....FINLANDIA
This Is My Song

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — HYMN No. 582, Stanza 1

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

**HYMN No. 331— *God of the Ages,
Whose Almighty Hand***

*God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

HYMN No. 708 — *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.*

*The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.*

HYMN No. 340 — *This Is My Song*

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as
mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*