

*HYMN No. 610.....AZMON
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
 *CHARGE AND BLESSING
 *CHORAL RESPONSE.....African American Spiritual
Were You There?
 POSTLUDE.....Whitsett
O for a Thousand Tongue to Sing
 *Those who are able, please stand.

LITURGIST: Elissa McDonald

*Today we celebrate the baptisms of Landyn and Avett Knox,
 daughter and son of Melanie and Evan Knox
 and younger siblings of Sullivan.*

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
 Children's worship notebooks are available in the Narthex.
 Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare
 available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

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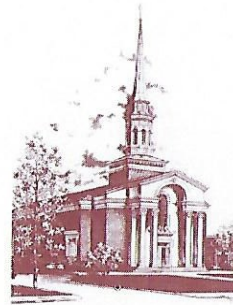
Welcome!

*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!*

The flowers today are dedicated with love and in honor of
 the baptisms of Avett Joseph and Landyn Lawrence Knox
 by their Baucom and Miller aunts, uncles and cousins.



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

MARCH 26, 2023
 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 AM

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
 This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Wood
Come, Ye Disconsolate
 JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
 INTROIT.....MORNING SONG
You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 130)
 Leader: People of God, hope in the Lord!
People: We wait for the Lord, and in God's word we hope!
 Leader: With the Lord there is steadfast love and
 great power to redeem!
People: The Lord will redeem us from all our sins!

*HYMN No. 263.....CORONATION
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, with you all things are possible – healing in times of illness, hope amid despair, life in the face of death. Forgive us for abandoning hope when the going gets tough, for trusting in lesser things more than we trust in you, for remaining bound to old ways when in Christ you have set us free. Remind us that you are with us always, and stir in us such trust in you that we may face all challenges with the courage of steadfast faith and hope in your resurrection promises. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . .

*KYRIE

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

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 434, Stanza 1

*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*

ANTHEM.....OMEGA CHOIR

Listening for the Call — Allen Pote

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Those who prefer their child(ren) not be on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting with them during this time. *(Following the Children’s Message, children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Covenant Kids.)*

HOLY BAPTISM OF LANDYN AND AVETT KNOX

HYMN 482 – Baptized in Water (Stanza 3)

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God’s children;
joyfully now God’s praises we sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pg. 127 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*

John 11:1-53

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

“LAZARUS”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*HYMN No. 2132.....CONSOLATOR

Come, Ye Disconsolate

SERVING IN LOVE

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Elissa McDonald

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

DEDICATION ANTHEM.....John Rutter

Agnus Die

PRAYER

(Order of Worship continued on back page)

Hymn No. 263 —
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!*

Hymn No. 2132 —
Come, Ye Disconsolate

*Come, ye disconsolate, where're ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, Here tell your
anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."*

*Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.*

HYMN No. 610 — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*