

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 given to the Glory of God
by Chris and Becky Earhart in memory of
their mothers Sarah Earhart and Marge Langfitt.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

MAY 12, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.....Raney
Toccata on Diademata

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....WAREHAM
How Happy Are the Saints of God

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice
of the wicked!

People: Happy are those who walk a faithful path!

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the Lord and
God's commandments!

**People: Like trees planted by streams of water, they prosper!
Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN No. 267.....MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Ruler over all Creation, we confess that we fall short of your hopes and expectations for us. We are too often selfish, self-serving, and self-righteous. Our lives reflect too little grace and too much judgment, too little joy and too much fear, too little faith and too much doubt, too little obedience and too much sin.

Forgive us. By your Spirit, stir in us faith and inspire us to live more faithful, joyful, loving lives all our days. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 466

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

ANTHEMS

Alpha Choir - King Jesus - Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman
Omega Choir - All Night, All Day - Lyndell Leatherman

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — All children are welcome to come forward.

Those parents 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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING..... Pg. 143 of the New Testament, Pew Bible Acts 1:1-11

SECOND READING.....Pg. 293 of the New Testament, Pew Bible 1 John 5:9-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"ETERNAL LIVING"

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 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 No. 839.....ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Nygard

Psalm 23

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 268.....DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Soon Ti

May the Love of the Lord

POSTLUDE.....Edstrom

Blessed Assurance

(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Children's worship folders 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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HYMN No. 267

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!***

***Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!***

HYMN No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***

REFRAIN:

***This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

REFRAIN

***Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.***

REFRAIN

HYMN No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.***

***Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.***

***Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.***