

POSTLUDE.....Raney

We Bow Down

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

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are Lila Driver, Eleanor Fetterman, and Charlotte Rieser.

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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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!

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

JULY 7, 2024

10:00 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.....Hayes

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 48)

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

People: God's praises are sung to the ends of the earth!

Leader: Future generations shall be told of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: The Lord will be our guardian and guide forever!

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

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. For, we confess that our faith is fragile and is fraught with doubts and questions. Our faithfulness ebbs and flows; we disobey you and even rebel against you. We struggle to discern what is right in your eyes, and too often choose the wrong. Forgive us. Kindle in us faith that we may trust you more fully, follow you more faithfully, and live into what we profess to believe: you are the Lord of our lives and our God! In your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 605

***Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son.
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty, praise to the Holy One.***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING..... Pg. 128 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
John 11:17-27

SECOND READING.....Pg. 273 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*
Hebrews 11:1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**JOHN PETERSON**

“I BELIEVE . . .”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — From The Heidelberg Catechism

Q: What is true faith?

A: *True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which we hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in us by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ’s merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen*

*HYMN No. 630.....CRUSADERS’ HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

HYMN No. 526 (Stanzas 1 &2).....*Let Us Break Bread Together*

***Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Sanctus is Hymn No. 562)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 273.....African American Spiritual

He Is King of Kings

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 80

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

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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. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

HYMN No. 273

He Is King of Kings

Refrain:
*He is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.
O he is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.*

*He built his throne up in the air;
no one works like him;
and called his saints from everywhere;
no one works like him.
O he is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.
Refrain*

*He pitched his tents on Canaan ground;
no one works like him;
and broke oppressive kingdoms down;
no one works like him.
O he is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.
Refrain*

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
no one works like him;
and by his love sweet blessing gives;
no one works like him.
O he is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.
Refrain*