

## 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](http://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 by the Surratt family to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Surratt.

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

JULY 20, 2025

10:00 AM

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

### STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....,.....McKibben

*Wonderful Peace*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

### WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 52)

Leader: Trust in the Lord!

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Give thanks to God for all your blessings!

**People: Proclaim God's good name to the ends of the earth!**

\*HYMN No. 2024.....RISING SUN

*From the Rising of the Sun*



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\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, nothing is impossible for you. Yet still we doubt you, disobey you, and sin against you. Forgive us for trusting you too little, worrying too much, and despairing too easily. Forgive us for failing to pursue the things that make for peace – in our world and in our lives. Forgive us for ignoring the needs of our neighbors and being distracted and distant from you. Have mercy upon us. Inspire in us faith and faithfulness that we may be fruitful in your service, and grant us your peace. Lord, 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. 233 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*  
Galatians 5:22-23

SECOND READING.....Pg. 87 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible*  
Luke 10:38-42

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

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON  
“FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE”

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. 840.....VILLE DU HAVRE

*It Is Well with My Soul*

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 623.....African-American Spiritual  
*I’ve Got Peace like a River*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....*The Trees of the Field* (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.*

POSTLUDE.....Edstrom  
*There Will Be Peace in the Valley*  
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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*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. 2024  
*From the Rising of the Sun*

*From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.*

*From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.*

*So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord.*

*From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.*

HYMN No. 840  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

*When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain:  
It is well with my soul;  
it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded  
my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*He lives: O the bliss  
of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*Lord, hasten the day  
when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.  
(Refrain)*

HYMN No. 623  
*I've Got Peace like a River*

*I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.*

*I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.*