Today we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Edward A. Scott, retired associate professor from Mary Baldwin University and pastor emeritus at Greater Allen AME Church in Staunton.

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are Olivia Brooks and Kendra Gaylor.

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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Presbyterian Church

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

JULY 6, 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.

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PRELUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN SING

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 66)

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

People: Sing the glory of God's name! Leader: Give to God glorious praise!

People: How awesome are the works of the Lord our God!

*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 nagging doubts and self-serving questions. Our faithfulness ebbs and flows: we ignore you, disobey you, and even rebel against you from time to time. 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 and follow you more faithfully, day by day by day. Lord, 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

SCRIPTURE READING......Pg. 86 of the New Testament, Pew Bible

Luke 10:1-11. 16-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....EDWARD SCOTT

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. 273.....African-American Spiritual He Is King of Kings

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)LLANFAIR

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 295......SINE NOMINE

Go to the World!

*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 for the 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

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

^{*}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. 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... (Refrain)

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him; and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him. O... (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... (Refrain) HYMN No. 295
Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.