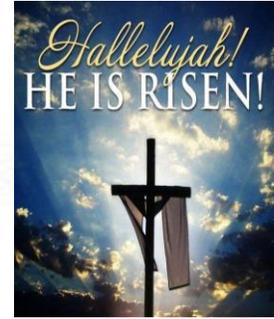


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY

Rev. Lynne D. Trout, Director of Senior Ministries
Greg DiBona, Music Director, Office Administrator



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM

APRIL 24, 2022

PRELUDE

Majesty

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Cain

SPECIAL MUSIC

In The Garden

Ruth Elaine Schram

Nicole Peak – Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader and **(People)**

Psalm 118: 14-24

The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Song of Praise

by Richard A. Nichols

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leslie Todd

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Children can leave for Sunday School)



SPECIAL MUSIC

Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor
Esma Cakmak - Piano

Chopin



SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

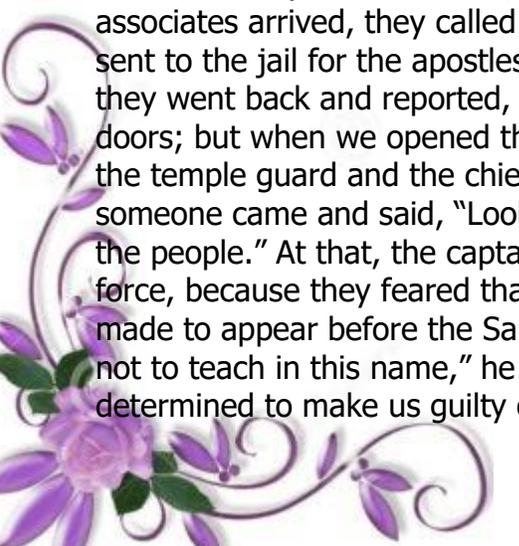
SPECIAL MUSIC

I Can Only Imagine
Robert Seither – Tenor

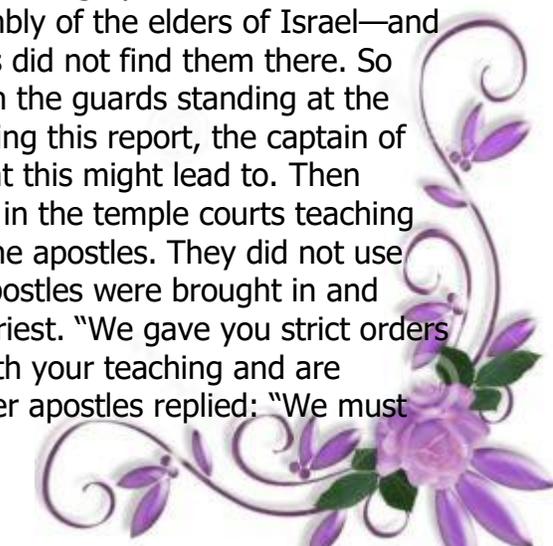
Bart Millard

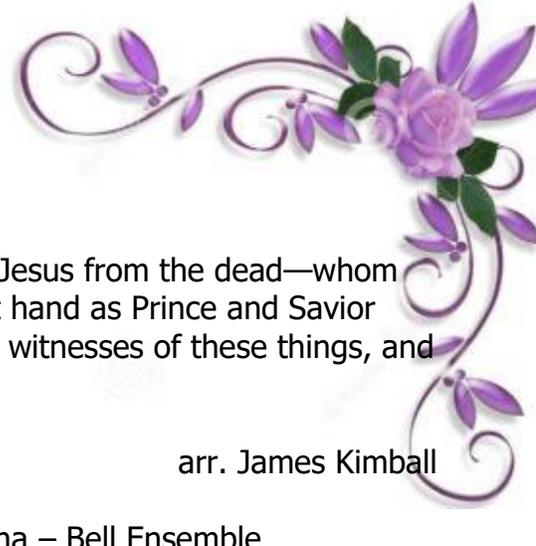
SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:17-32



Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life." At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must





obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

arr. James Kimball

Marge Jeffries, Amanda Rosica, Christy Jeffries, Greg DiBona – Bell Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33

Leslie Todd

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars ; he puts the deep into storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.
For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Out in Song

POSTLUDE

Bind Us Together

arr. Mark Hayes

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by David Good in loving memory of his mother, Shirley Good.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Four sessions beginning Wednesday, April 27th
7:00 PM - Church lounge

Please join us for our first book: "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen.

Jennie Allen is an award-winning and bestselling author of "Anything and Restless" as well as the Bible studies: "Stuck, Chase, and Restless." The founder and visionary for the IF: Gathering, she is a passionate leader following God's call on her life to catalyze a generation of women to live what they believe. Please let Bonnie Cain or Amanda Rosica know if you are interested in joining, so we can distribute the study guide prior to the first meeting. Feel free to purchase the book on your own. If you'd like us to order a copy, contact Bonnie Cain at bcain117@comcast.net.



2. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is held on Monday's at 11:00 AM in the lounge. Bring a mask in case they are needed. Joan Samph is our very able leader. We are studying "The Jesus Paul Knew". A study guide is used and more can be ordered if necessary. We welcome anyone who may be interested in getting together with a great group of ladies to learn and understand what the Bible has to teach us.

3. SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

We meet Wednesdays at 10:15 AM in the lounge in person and end around 11:30 AM. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew. If you have not joined us before, you are welcome to join us any time. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Lynne at 856-255-5152 or the church office. Watch for upcoming news.

4. STEWARDSHIP: Total Income for 4/17: \$8917.58; Envelope Giving: \$1750.00; Deacons Fund: \$125.00; Capital Improvements Fund: \$25.00

5. BENEFIT CONCERT!

Join Music Directors Diana Dohrmann and Greg DiBona for a concert of piano music on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 PM at Calvary. There will be piano duets from major composers such as Scott Joplin, Johannes Brahms, Franz Liszt, Aaron Copland and many more. All proceeds will be used to benefit programs at both Covenant and Calvary as well as assist those in the Ukraine. We hope to see you there!

6. CLEAN-UP DAY

Join our property care team with the assistance of the Boy Scouts on Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM – 12 PM to clean our grounds. Help make our church beautiful as the season of Spring begins to bloom.

7. NEW WEBSITE HAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

It's official! Our new website has launched! Visit our new site. Check back often for updates and watch our site evolve. <http://www.covenantpreschurch.org/>

8. SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held May 1, 2022 in the Sanctuary following morning worship services. The purposes of this meeting are (1) elect church officers (Elders and Deacons), and (2) members of the 2022-2023 Church Officer Nominating Committee.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

- Choir Rehearsal** – 11:00 AM
- Bell Rehearsal** – Mondays, 7:00 PM
- Christian Education** - as needed
- Deacons** - 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
- Fellowship** - 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM
- Finance and Stewardship** - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- Men's Breakfast** - Tuesdays, 7:00 AM
- Membership** - as needed
- Mission** - as needed
- Music and Worship** – as needed
- Property Care** - determined by chairperson
- Session** - 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM





PRAYER LIST



Thankful prayers for our meaningful Easter service and lovely music. Joyful prayers to see many more families and friends attending worship with children here and there!! So good to see and hear them!! Thank you, Lord!

Keep praying for the crisis in Ukraine that there will be a ceasefire soon and that the Ukrainian people will be safe and peace restored. Peace is desperately needed for our own country and communities that the shootings and other atrocities will be stopped. Continued prayers for COVID patients and other illnesses that folks will get their inoculations and recover.

Prayers for our Covenant friends and families:

Pastor Lynne - good health and energy as she cares for our Covenant people

The family of Gladys Scanlan as they grieve. She passed on the morning of April 20 at the age of 100.

Greg DiBona's granddad - his health is failing and he is in hospice care

Joy Connolly - good health and comfort as she moves on without Willie

Mary Lou - feeling better and continued treatment

Steve Peak - gaining strength and recovering from additional treatments for cancer

Terri Bell - able to rest comfortably and able to manage treatment for cancer

Cheryl Cinque's sister, Dawn - hope for good results from treatment for cancer

Betty Graham's son-in-law, Ralph - good results from treatment for cancer

Bob Steel - dealing with serious health issues

Treva - keeping well and strong

Carol Grunigen - surgical procedure to obtain relief from discomfort

Etna Kessler - very good care at memory care facility where she is currently living

Emily Minieri - feeling better and able to rest comfortably and stress free and strength for her parents as they watch over her

Laura Brenner - comfort

Janette - relief and healing following extensive dental work

Marilyn Davidoff - good care living with family in Tennessee - and keeping safe when she takes a walk

Eugene Davidoff - Marilyn's son - health issues - hospitalized

Those living independently, assisted living, or nursing care, that they are receiving good care:

Nancy Wellington, Emily Busby

