COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY







4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM

APRIL 30, 2023

PRELUDE This Joyful Eastertide Psalmen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Rosica

CHORAL INTROIT Our God Reigns

Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<u>People:</u> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<u>Leader:</u> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<u>People:</u> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<u>Leader:</u> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN We Will Glorify #118

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE John 10:1-10

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore, Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

CHORAL ANTHEM Thank you for the Valley Cindy Berry

SERMON "The Shepherd and the Thief" Rev. Seth Kajang

HYMN Rejoice the Lord is King #262

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven #254

CHORAL BENEDICTION Christ is Risen Lloyd Larson

POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation S. S. Wesley

MINISTERS: Amanda Rosica and Steve Salmon (Ushers), Janette Hutchinson (Refreshments), Ann Rosica (Flower Delivery)

WE THANK: Rev. Seth Kajang for leading us in worship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BOOK CLUB

Book Club will be meeting at church on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00. We'll be discussing Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Please join us for pot-luck dinner and discussion.

2. BRUNCH

Covenant will hold brunch following the worship service on Sunday May 21. Please place your name on the signup sheet in the narthex.

3. PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT

Join Music Directors Greg DiBona and Diana Dohrmann for a piano concert! Piano duets and solos will be presented from composers, John Williams, Scott Joplin, Leonard Bernstein, Claude Debussy and many more. The concert will be on Sunday, April 30 at 3PM located at Calvary Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will assist Music Departments at both Covenant and Calvary.

- **4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study is located in the Lounge on Mondays at 11 AM. The group will be studying the book of Luke. We hope to see you there!
- **5. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!** Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.
- **6. STEWARDSHIP:** Total Income for 4/23: \$1197.00, Envelope Giving: \$1197.00, Deacons Fund: \$160.00.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study – Mondays, 11:00 AM, Lounge
Choir Rehearsal – Sundays, 11:00 AM
Bell Rehearsal – Mondays, 7:00 PM
Christian Education (Bonnie Cain and Amanda Rosica) – as needed
Deacons – 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Fellowship (Amanda Rosica) – 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Finance and Stewardship (Mike Martin) – 2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Men's Breakfast -Tuesdays, 7:00 AM
Membership (Nancy Perritt) – as needed
Mission (Dave Sutton) – as needed
Music and Worship (Leslie Todd) – 2nd Wednesday, 1:15 PM
Property Care (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) – determined by chairperson
Session – 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM





Gregory DiBona and Diana Dohrmann
Four Hands Piano
Benefit Concert:

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Music of Mozart, Bernstein, Debussy, Joplin, and John Williams. 3:00 PM

All proceeds will assist in funding Covenant and Calvary's Music

Department.



Calvary Presbyterian Church 300 Fourth Street Riverton, NJ 08077

PRAYER LIST

Thank you to Pastor Seth Kajang for his inspiring sermon and thank you to Scott Scioli for conducting the service last Sunday.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine.



Please pray for our Covenant families and friends:



Betty Graham - healing and strength as she recovers

Carol Grunigen - good and healing results from surgery this coming week

Nancy Perritt - recovery and feeling better after Covid

Barbara Seither - recovery and feeling better after Covid

Mary Lou Newborg - relief from back pain and good results from surgery on May 2nd

Betty Herskovitz's friend, Elaine's husband, Bill, receiving chemotherapy

Emily Busby - good care at nursing facility

Etna Kessler - good care at memory care facility

Emily Minieri - improving emotional stability

Karen Schwartz's neighbor's grandson, Colin, improved health

Peggie Massey- keeping well and active at her home in Texas and hello to Susan and Doug Wilhelm Marilyn and Gene Davidoff - safety for Marilyn when she takes her walks and improved health for Eugene

Cancer patients:

Terri Bell - able to rest comfortably and strength for Ken as he takes good care of her

Dawn Mozzi - good results from chemo

Joan's friend, Mary - good care as she receives treatment

Mary Lou's friends - Christopher, Sherry, Marcelle, Pat and Dave - also very good care as they receive treatment

Pastor Kiner - pastor at Breakthrough Church - very good care and strength for his wife Bohdonna - Mandy Rosica's friend - diagnosed with breast cancer and good treatment Rose - Molly Day's friend - also a breast cancer patient - good treatment

prayer to Christ of Many Metaphors 117

You, O Christ, are the kingdom of Heaven; you the land promised to the gentle; you the grazing-lands of paradise; you the hall of the celestial banquet; you the ineffable marriage-chamber; you the table set for all; you the bread of life; you the unheard-of drink;

you both the urn for the water and the life-giving water; you moreover the inextinguishable lamp for all saints;

you the garment and the crown and the one who distributes the crowns; you the joy and the rest; you the delight and the glory;

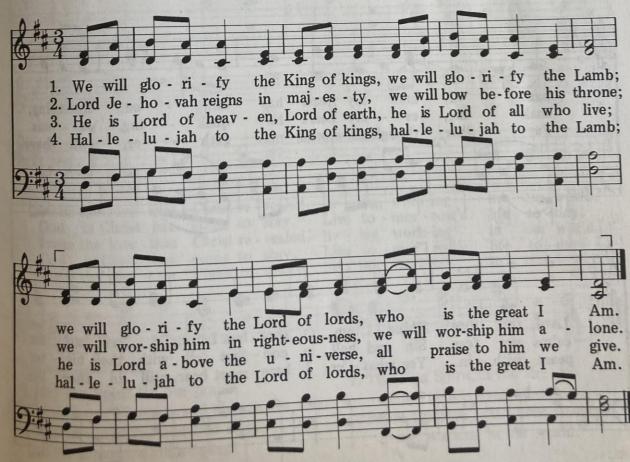
you the gaiety and the mirth, and your grace, grace of the Spirit of all sanctity, will shine like the sun in all saints;

and you, inaccessible sun, will shine in their midst, and all will shine brightly to the degree of their faith, their hope and their love, their purification and their illumination by your Spirit.

Symeon, the New Theologian (949-1022)

We Will Glorify 118

Let the Lord be glorified. Is. 66:5

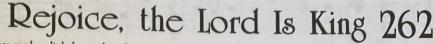


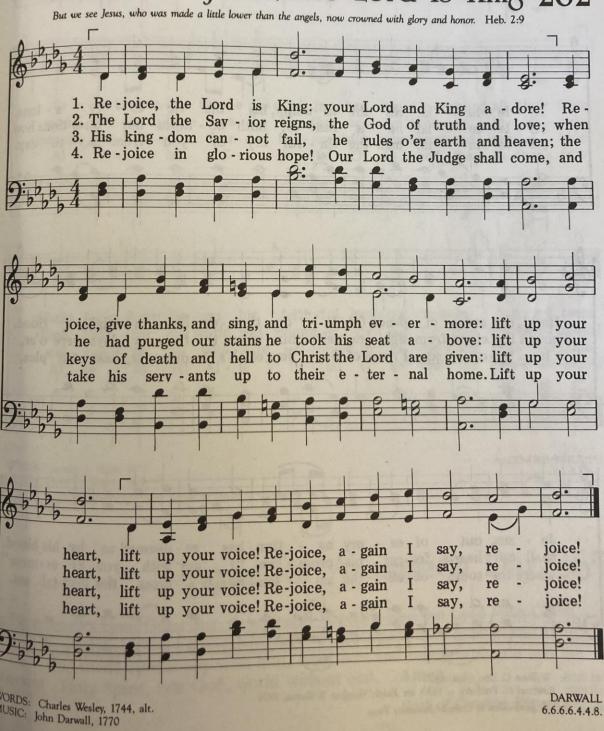
So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:3-9





Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 254

