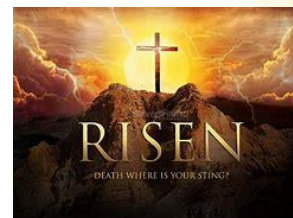
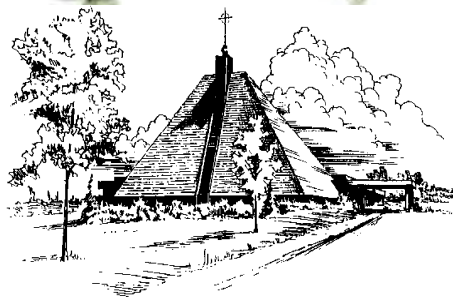


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



2nd EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 AM

April 7, 2024

PRELUDE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Jerry Ray

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Chuck Rosica

CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ is Risen"

Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of life spoke:
so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

The Word of life reached out:
so we could touch the hope which heals us.
The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:
so we could follow him into life forever.

With prayer and praise, in scripture and in song, let us worship the Living God!

HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

(See page 10)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

SILENT MEDITATION

LORD HAVE MERCY (3x)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE ARE FORGIVEN (1x)

SHARING THE PEACE

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACTS 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Ride On, King Jesus"

arr. Kern

PSALM 113

REFRAIN

A G Em7 A

♩ = 126 God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 126. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed above the notes.

How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

[Refrain]

Together, let us pray:

Gracious God, you have poured into our hearts the precious oil of your Spirit. Make of us one heart and one will, that as members of the body of Christ, we may be united in the bonds of love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

SERMON

"Healing Wounds"

Rev. Dr. Higgs

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

We pause to reflect on the message

If you wish, you may want to use the following breath prayer (or any of your choice). The words may be said aloud or in silence

Breathe in: "Eternal Light,"

Breathe out: "... guide me in your way."

HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(See page 11)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

That churches of all traditions.....O God,
hear our prayer.

That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease.....O God,
hear our prayer.

That those who govern and maintain peace in every land,O God,
hear our prayer.

That you will strengthen this nation to pursueO God,
hear our prayer.

That you will preserve all who live.....O God,

hear our prayer.

That you will comfort and empower.....O God,

hear our prayer.

That you will accept our thanksgiving.....O God,

hear our prayer.

Together, let us pray:

Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay, you form us into a new creation. Shape us, day by day, through the cross of Christ your Son, until we pray as continually as we breathe and all our acts are prayer; through Jesus Christ and in the mystery of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Intermezzo”

Mascagni

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

SURSUM CORDA

GREAT THANKSGIVING 1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING 2

CHRIST HAS DIED

GREAT THANKSGIVING 3

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

"Worthy is the Lamb"

John Purifoy

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

(See page 12)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world....be with us all. Amen.

O Lord, may you this week open up doors for us to share your love!

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Go Out in Song"

Lloyd Larson

POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Davidica

MINISTERS: Nancy Perritt and Carol Ortlip (Ushers), Marge Jeffries (Flower Delivery), Pat Rothenhofer (Refreshments), Karen Schwartz (Chancel)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Treva Grunigen in loving memory of her husband, Gale.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SOUP SALE!

The next soup sale will be Sunday, April 14th. We have five delicious choices. You can purchase Italian Wedding, Potato Leek, Creamy Tomato, Pasta Fagioli and Chili. If you are willing to make some soup for our next sale, please contact Mary Lou at 609-417-5639. Thank you!

2. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour is Sharing Offering by making an online gift anytime throughout the year. Presbyterian Special Offerings - One Great Hour of Sharing (pcusa.org) Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church.

3. BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BOB

Online Bible study is on Wednesday April 10th at 7PM. A link will be emailed to you.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES: Calling all children ages 4 and above! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates! April 21st and May 19th.

5. DAILY PRAYER

Covenant is now offering Daily Prayer videos narrated by our new Pastor, Bob! This is a wonderful way to begin each day in prayer. If you are not receiving them, please notify Bob, or Greg and you will be placed on the email list.

6. 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.

7. BIBLE STUDY The Bible Study will be located in the lounge on Mondays at 11AM. All are welcome!

8. STEWARDSHIP: Total Income for 3/31: \$2551.64.00, Envelope Giving: \$1125.00, Deacons Fund: \$270.00. Capital Improvement Fund: \$25.00.

9. PIANO DUET CONCERT

Join Music Directors Diana Dohrmann and Greg DiBona for a concert of piano duets on Sunday, May 19 at 3PM at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

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PRAYER LIST



Very joyful and thankful prayers for a wonderful turnout for Easter morning. It was so good to see so many smiling faces and to welcome our former pastor and good friend, Pastor Mike Imperiale, visiting from Salt Lake City. Pastor Bob invited him to give the closing benediction.

Thankful prayers to Pastor Bob for a fine Easter service and sermon on hope. And to the choir, bell choir and Greg for the uplifting and happy music. Cheryl and Anthony Cinque provided delicious refreshments and all were thoroughly enjoyed.

Continued prayers for peace throughout our country and the world. Keep them coming because they are needed.

Please keep our Covenant friends and families in your prayers:

Julia Slater - prayers for recovery and comfort and strength for her and her family

Chris Todd - continued healing and good vision from recent eye surgery

Ron Green's wife, Barbara - recovery from care in the hospital

Dave and B. Ann DuBois - gaining strength and continued support from their family - Clarissa and her family were in church with them

Dale Neas - recovery and feeling better following setback

Bruce - strength as he deals with chemo reactions following treatment

Janette's sister, Joan - rest as she is cared for in hospice

Linda Ballenger's cousin, Sally - good progress in cancer treatment

Karen Schwartz's friend, Bill - good care as he deals with a serious cancer

Betty Herskovitz's friend's sister, Sr. Bernadette Carlin, that she will experience successful surgery

Jeanne Martin's Uncle Phil Cowan - elderly gentleman in the hospital due to brain bleeding

Barbara Van Tassel's friend, Judy - continued good progress

Mary Lou's friends - Bobbie Paul - good care as she is treated for cancer, Arlene - recovery from heart surgery, Logan 2-year-old battling cancer, hopefully successful results, Dave - serious health issues, and Michelle - also treated for cancer

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

TEXT: Edward Taylor, 1694; revised by Philip Doddridge, 1733; etc.

MUSIC: HANDEL

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.