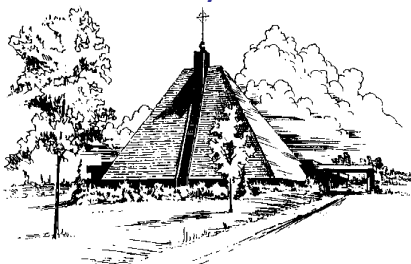


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

On Eagles' Wings

arr. John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Herskovitz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

People: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil.

People: For you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

ALL: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Hearing of God's mercy to us in his dear Son, let us confess our sins before the Lord, first together as the church, then each of us in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord: Be mindful of your mercy and your steadfast love. Remember not the sins of our youth, or our present transgressions. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us. Relieve the troubles of our hearts, consider our afflictions, and forgive all our sins, according to your merciful promise in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness which lead us to his salvation in Jesus Christ, and through Him God makes known his eternal covenant with us. So, hear and believe the Good News, that in and through Jesus Christ, our sins are truly forgiven. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted Philippians 2:5-11)

We have this mind among ourselves, which is ours in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equally with God a thing to be selfishly possessed, but he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Martha Mier

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SERMON

"A Fish Story"

Rev. Morschauer

HYMN

My Hope Is In the Lord

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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

Take Time to Be Holy

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn of Promise

arr. John Carter

MINISTERS: Linda Ballenger and Karen Schwartz (Ushers), Joan Samph (Flower Delivery), Ann Rosica (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Julia and Craig Slater in loving memory of Julia's Aunt, Jessie Paul, on what would have been her 99th birthday.



WE THANK: Rev. Morschauer for leading us in worship!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. NEW DIRECTORY

Updated Directories are available in the narthex. Please take one during office hours or Sunday mornings.

2. MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA JOFFE

I would like to thank the congregation for their thoughts and prayers and best wishes during my recent recovery. You have sent many cards and provided many visits to cheer me up and make my days go faster. I greatly appreciate the love and kindness you have shown me.

I still have several months to go but I have definitely turned a corner. I hope to see you in church. God bless you all. Cynthia

3. 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.



MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study – Summer Break

Choir Rehearsal – Summer Break

Bell Rehearsal – Summer Break

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

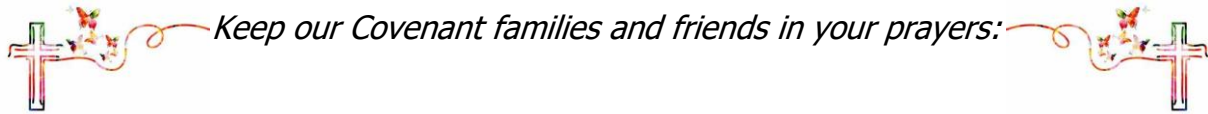
Session – 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM



PRAYER LIST

Thankful prayers for Rev. Herman's friendly and thoughtful sermon last week. He welcomed Diane Steel and Carol Grunigen as official members and led us in our holy communion service. Thank you to Mandy Rosica for her participation and to Steve and Pat Salmon for delicious refreshments.

Please continue to pray for peace in our communities, country and world.



Keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Cynthia - joyful and thankful prayers to have her back to church and continued mobility and healing

Laura - healing and good care

Betty Graham - good treatment and able to feel better

Steve Hyzer - continued healing and able to walk comfortably

Treva's sister-in-law, Janice - very good treatment

B. Ann and Dave DuBois - health concerns and able to feel better

Etna Kessler - very good care at memory care facility

Emily Busby - very good care at nursing facility

Peggie Massey - keeping well at her home in Texas

Cancer patients:

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

Dawn Mozzi - good care and treatment

Mary Lou's daughter, Melissa - continued good treatment and feeling good

Betty Herskovitz's friend, Bill - able to endure intense treatment and strength for his wife, Elaine

Bohdonna and Rose - being treated for breast cancer and hoping for good results

Denise - peace of mind and uplift in spirit and enjoying her grandson

Bruce - thankful for safe arrival to New Jersey

Jen - return to good health and able to enjoy her daughter's wedding coming soon

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 330

PSALMS AND CANTICLES

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1

Descant

5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
 3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
 4. My ta - ble thou has fur - nish - ed in
 5. Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall

sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

CRIMOND
C.M.

WORDS: Psalm 23, *Scottish Psalter*, 1650; William Whittingham and others
 MUSIC: Jessie S. Irvine, 1871; arr. David Grant, 1872; desc. W. Baird Ross, 20th C.

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... Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him - self for me,
2. No mer - it of my own his an - ger to sup - press,
3. And now for me he stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne,
4. His grace has planned it all; 'tis mine but to be - lieve,

and paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.
my on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.
he shows his wound - ed hands, and names me as his own.
and rec - og - nize his work of love, and Christ re - ceive.

Refrain

For me he died, for me he lives,
For me he died, he died for me, for me he lives,
For me lives, he lives,

and ev - er - last - ing life and light he free - ly gives.

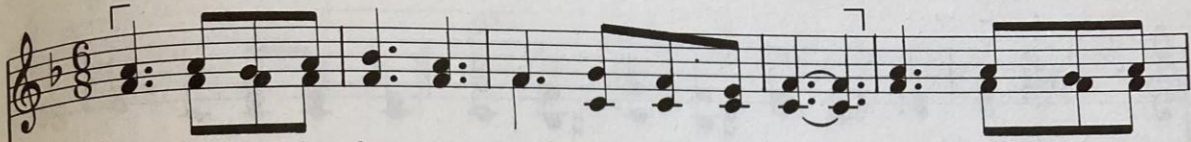
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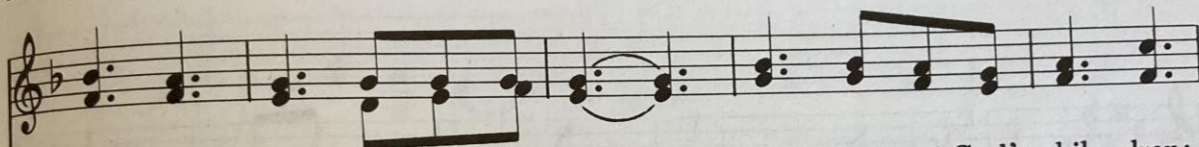
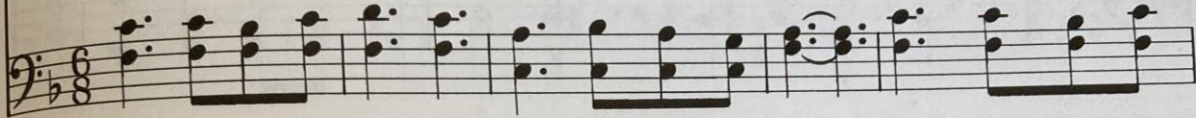
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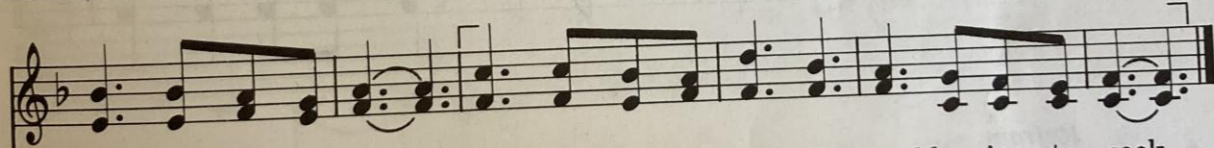
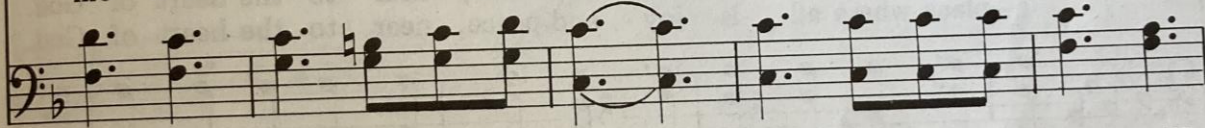
Live in peace . . . and be holy. Heb. 12:14



1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be -
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each



al - ways, and feed on his Word. Make friends of God's chil - dren;
 se - cret with Je - sus a - lone; by look - ing to Je - sus,
 fore him what - ev - er be - tide; in joy or in sor - row
 mo - tive be - neath his con - trol; thus led by his Spir - it



help those who are weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 still fol - low thy Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.
 to foun - tains of love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.



WORDS: William D. Longstaff, 1882
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

HOLINESS
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Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

. . . Dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that you may receive the full fruit of your hope sure.

Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-11