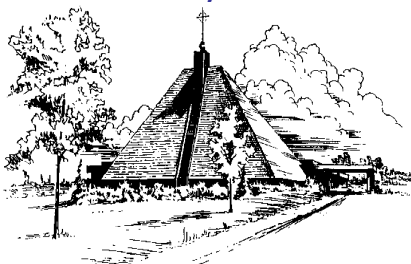


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

August 20, 2023

PRELUDE

Selection from Nicole Snodgrass, soprano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Rosica

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 133

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Leader: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Selection from Nicole Snodgrass, soprano

SERMON

"The Seasons of Our Lives"

Rev. Zeidler

HYMN

Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

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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

Trust and Obey

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Selection from Nicole Snodgrass, soprano

MINISTERS: Barbara and Paul VanTassel (Ushers), Jeanne Martin (Flower Delivery), Sandi Pascone (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Scott and Donna Scioli in honor of their daughter Sarah on her birthday.



WE THANK: Rev. Zeidler 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.

4. STEWARDSHIP: Total income for 8/6: \$2218.00, Envelope Giving: \$2218.00, Deacons: \$105.00, Capital Improvement Fund: \$35.00. Total income for 8/13: \$9965.00, Envelope Giving: \$1070.00, Deacons: \$80.00, Capital Improvement Fund: \$50.00.



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

Thank you to Rev. Morschauser for joining us and leading us in worship last week and for his thoughtful sermon. Our thanks to Betty Herskovitz for her participation in the worship service and to Ann Rosica for her delicious goodies.

Prayers for the people of Maui that they will recover and find places to live following the devastation there.



Keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:



- Treva - joyful and very thankful prayers that she is cancer free
- Cynthia - continued healing, mobility and strength in her leg and thankfulness for being able to go upstairs
- Laura - healing and good care
- Betty Graham - being able to feel better and very good care for her legs
- Steve Hyzer - continued healing and able to walk comfortably
- Barb and Bob Seither - joyful prayers on the birth of their first grandchild, Milo, on Aug. 9th and looking forward to moving back in their home very soon
- B. Ann and Dave DuBois - health concerns
- Etna Kessler - very good care at memory care facility
- Emily Busby - very good care at nursing facility
- Peggie Massey - keeping well and active at her home in Texas
- Cancer patients:
 - Terri Bell - able to rest comfortably as she receives very good care from Ken
 - Dawn Mozzi - good care
 - Mary Lou's daughter, Melissa - feeling good
 - Betty Herskovitz's friend, Bill - able to endure intense treatment and strength for his wife, Elaine
 - Bohdonna and Rose - good results from treatment for breast cancer
 - Denise - peace of mind and uplift in spirit and enjoying her grandson
 - Bruce, Dawn and Erin - keeping well and being employed and good luck in locating permanent housing
 - Jen - return to good health and looking forward to her daughter's wedding in October
 - Carol Ortlip's daughter, Susan's, neighbor in Surf City as they mourn the death of Joe DiMeo

Holy Spirit, as in the past you have brought us together in a oneness that celebrates our diversity of talent and ability.

May our personalities blend in a superb harmony, as, laying our egos aside, we learn to prefer one another and to delight in encouraging the gifts we see in others. Let there be no star temperament, no prima donna behavior among us, but a sense of ensemble, as we try to be as anonymous as possible so that you can shine through our efforts to the glory of Christ. And when all is done may we be in the wings and he in the spotlight, taking center stage and receiving all the applause!

Holy Spirit, you who are fully God and yet so anonymous, hide us that we may reveal him. **Amen.**

Bryan Jeffery Leech

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For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782, alt.

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS

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They urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening . . ." Lk. 24:29

1. A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens: Lord with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Trust and Obey 523

Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.