### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### **CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY**







10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

August 6, 2023

PRELUDE The Lord's Prayer Malotte

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Amanda Rosica

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Psalms 118:24; 34:3
One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: O praise the Lord with me,

All: Let us exalt God's name together.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (In unison)

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those, too. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. So knowing that we are held in love by the Spirit of the Lord, let us confess our sins

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN** (Unison)

Eternal God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit— we thank You for how You constantly encourage us, with Your presence, by Your love, in giving us grace, strength and peace. Though made in Your image, we confess that we often discourage others with our presence, by our words and actions. We don't show love, act graciously, extend peace or impart strength to others. Forgive us; and hear us with compassion as in silence we confess the sins for which we're too embarrassed to say aloud... (silent confession)

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the 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. I declare to you that by God's grace active through our faith in Christ we are forgiven and free of all our sins. This is Good News! Alleluia! **Amen.** 

THE GLORIA PATRI #805

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE** (The Peace of the Lord be with you – **and also with you**.)

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS:** Diane Steel and Carol Grunigen

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 55:1-7

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor." Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

SPECIAL MUSIC Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Keveren

#### **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 13:44-46

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**SERMON** "The Seeker and the Found" Rev. Richard Herman

**HYMN FOR PRAYER** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus #477

#### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**



**GREAT THANKSGIVING:** 

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God, holy and mighty,

it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

and to worship you in every place where your glory abide



**Unison:** Through the words of the prophets, you promise

your people the Redeemer, and gave hope for the day

when justice shall roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, your son, the Savior has come and that he will come again in power and glory

to make all things new.

Pastor: Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: You sent your only-begotten,

in whom your fullness dwells

to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Pastor: Revealing your love

Jesus taught those who would hear him,

healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him and lifted the burden of their sin.

People: We glorify you for your great power and

love at work in Christ.

Unison: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and

resurrection,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

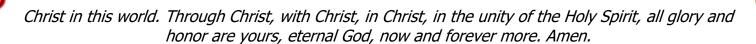
Christ will come again.

#### 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ and living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the living Christ's body for us, send us out to be the living Christ's body for us of the living Chris



**HYMN** Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult #580

**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE** Lamb of God Paris

MINISTERS: Bob and Barbara Seither (Ushers), Pat Salmon (Refreshments), Janette Hutchinson (Flower Delivery), Janette Hutchinson (Chancel)

#### **WE THANK:** Rev. Herman for leading us in worship.







### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 1. CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

Non-perishable food items may be brought the  $1^{st}$  Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### 2. COLLECTION

The Deacons are collecting school supplies from July 9-August 6. Please place all items in the Narthex.

- **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 7/30: \$3445.00, Envelope Giving: \$2945.00, Deacons Fund: \$85.00, Capital Improvements Fund: \$25.00.



#### **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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM

**Fellowship** (Amanda Rosica) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Finance and Stewardship (Mike Martin) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1:15 PM

**Property Care** (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) – determined by chairperson

Session – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:30 PM







### **PRAYER LIST**





Thankful prayers for the thoughtful sermon given by Pamela Foxx-Levi last week who is with Urban Promise. Thank you to Greg for showing our congregation several of the concerts on his recent trip to many European countries. The goodies provided by Barbara Seither were delicious and appreciated.

Prayers for peace in our communities, country and world. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Cynthia - continued therapy for strength and mobility in her leg

Laura Brenner - good care and healing

Steve Hyzer - healing and recovery from surgery on his foot

Betty Graham - good care and feeling better

Treva's sister-in-law, Janice - strength and good results from treatment

B.Ann and Dave DuBois - health concerns and strength to deal with them

Etna Kessler - good care at memory facility

Emily Busby - good care at nursing facility

Cancer patients:

Terri Bell - comfort and good care and strength for Ken

Dawn Mozzi - feeling better

Mary Lou's daughter - Melissa - continued good recovery

Pastor Kiner - Breakthrough church - thankful for doing well

Joan's friend, Mary - good care

Bohdonna and Rose - good results from treatment for breast cancer

Peggie Massey - doing well in her home in Texas

Denise - peace of mind and uplift in spirit

Bruce - traveling safely with his family to New Jersey to stay

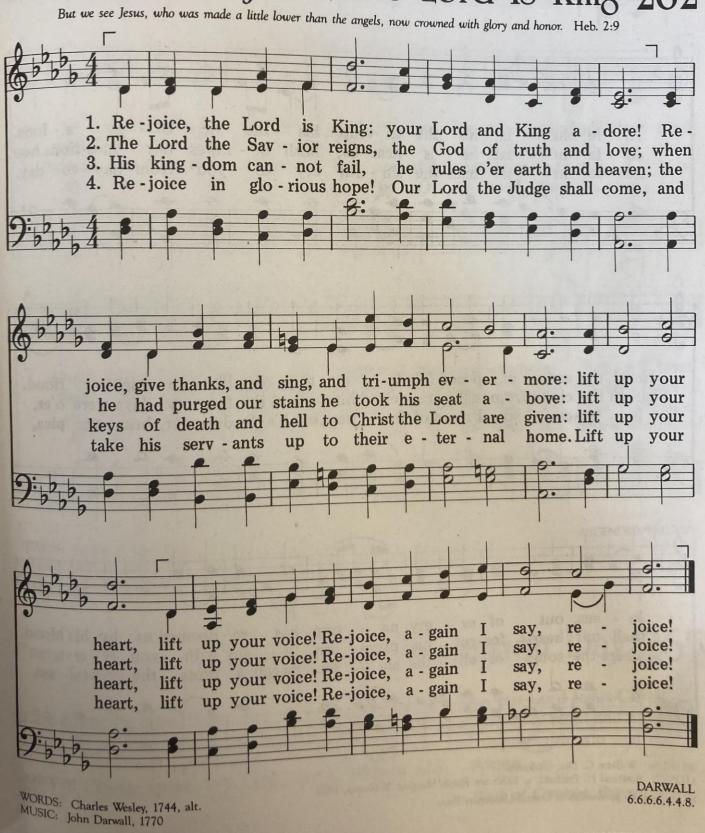
Jen – Carol's former neighbor, recovering from a stroke - return to good health



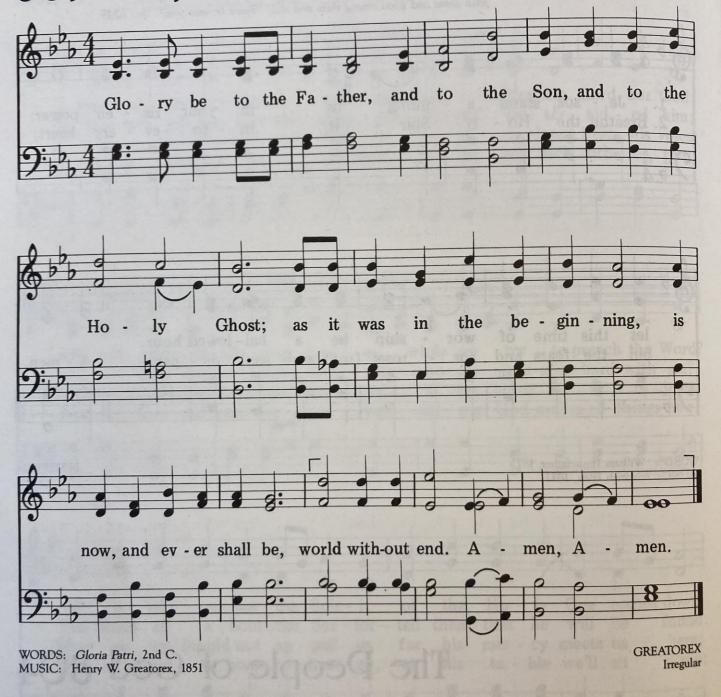
After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

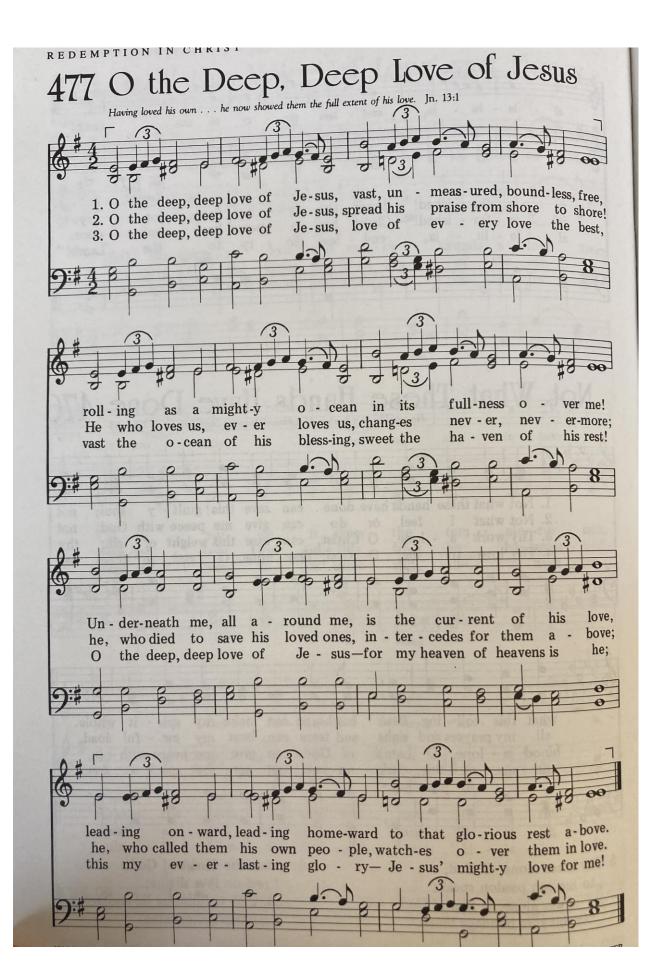
Acts 1:3-9

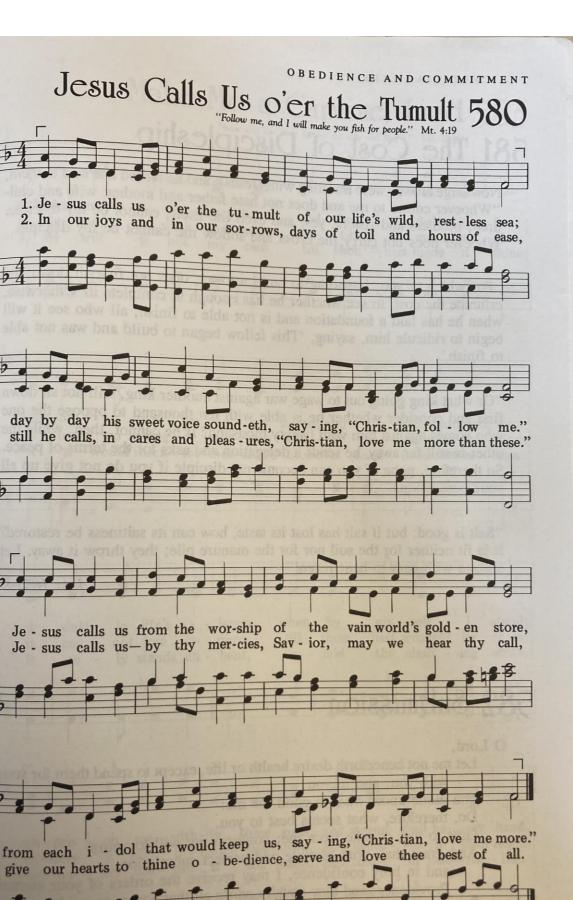
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# 805 Glory Be to the Father







WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852 MUSIC: Leavitt's The Christian Lyre, 1830 PLEADING SAVIOR 8.7.8.7.D.