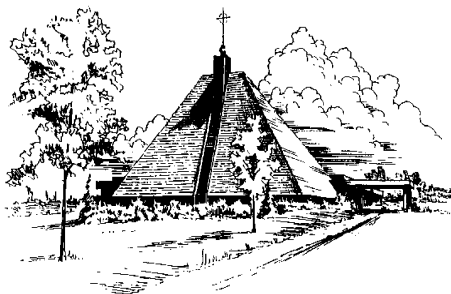


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

PRELUDE

"Near to the Heart of God"

arr. Mier

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Amanda Rosica

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

"In Joyous Praise"

L. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

When cheating is easy,
I will be trustworthy.
When bullying presents itself,
I will be Loyal.
When a hand can be offered,
I will be helpful.
In the face of irksome tasks,
I will be cheerful.
As God is present,
I will be Reverent.

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

HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(See page 9)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION


The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION

LORD HAVE MERCY (3x)

576 Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The promise is true--God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Here we give thanks to our God. Amen.

WE ARE FORGIVEN (1x)

FORGIVENESS
447 We Are Forgiven



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.



SHARING THE PEACE

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 KINGS 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!





ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”
Kevin Hill - percussion

by Smith



PSALM 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

MARK 1:40-45

A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I am willing. Be made clean!” Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Glory to You, Lord Christ



SERMON

“Full Participation”

Rev. Robert 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: "Help me rest ...
Breathe out: "... give me peace"

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

(See page 10)

PRAYER FOR SCOUTS AND SCOUTING

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for creation..... God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

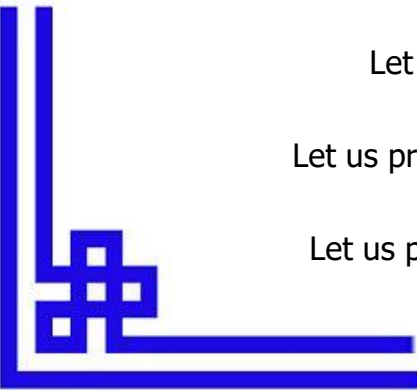
Let us pray for peace.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who govern us.God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this community.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all families and those who live alone.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial.....God of mercy,



hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now have rest in God.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

"God will Take Care of You"

arr. Keveren

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings"

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 My Life and Let It Be"

(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"

L. Larson

POSTLUDE

"My Savior's Love to Me"

Rodriguez

MINISTERS: Boy Scouts (Ushers), Boy Scouts (Refreshments), Ann Rosica (Flower Delivery)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Betty Graham in loving memory of her husband, Robert Graham, who would have celebrated his 94th birthday this week.

WE WELCOME the Boy Scouts and their leaders for joining us this morning and we thank them for their participation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cinnaminson, New Jersey, is called for Sunday, February 25 2024, to be held in the Sanctuary following morning worship services, for purposes of receiving annual reports from Session Leadership Teams and Committees and from other church organizations; receiving the financial report for 2023; presenting the operating budget that has been adopted by the Session for 2024; electing members to serve on the Financial Audit Committee for 2024; and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Congregation or Corporation at this meeting.

2. TRIBORO SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday service will be located at Bethany Lutheran Church beginning at 7PM on February 14.

Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting a soup supper on Tuesday, March 7 at 6PM followed by a service at 7PM

Calvary will be hosting a soup supper on Tuesday, February 27 at 6PM with a service at 7PM.

Covenant will be hosting a soup supper on Thursday, March 14 at 6PM with a service at 7PM. All are welcome to attend these Lenten services!

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES: Calling all children ages 4 and above! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates! February 25th, March 24th, April 21st and May 19th.

4. LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

Covenant will be hosting lunch after worship services on Sunday February 25. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please place your name on the signup sheet so we have a head count. Thank you!

5. PHOTO ALBUM

One of our members, Grace Hafner, has compiled a beautiful photo album of many wonderful memories over the years at Covenant. Take time during refreshments to view this special book. If you do not have time after the service, the album will be available in the main office during office hours.

6. SUNDAY SOUP SALE

SUNDAY, February 11th after Service.

All proceeds from the Sale will benefit the Missions that we support locally and abroad enabling us to do more for those in need. There will be 4 different homemade soups plus Chili. Quarts will be \$10.00 and pints \$5.00. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to make a homemade soup for a future sale please contact. Mary Lou Newborg, 609-417-5639.

7. 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.

8. FLOWER CHART

The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board for 2024. Sign your name on a specific date in order to dedicate flowers to a loved one.

9. 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.

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

11. STEWARDSHIP: Total Income for 2/4/2024: \$4355.00, Envelope Giving: \$4195.00, Deacons Fund: \$290.00, Capital Improvement Fund: \$30.00.

PRAYER LIST



Prayers for all those affected by war and for peace in our communities, country and world.

Thank you prayers to Pastor Bob for his interesting service including his vocal contribution from Psalm 147. Scott led us in reading of Scripture and announcing current and upcoming activities. Thank you, Scott. Christy Jeffries provided delicious homemade goodies as folks gathered to chat after worship. The anthem was sung by the ladies and it was lovely. Thank you to them and to Greg.

Prayers for our Covenant friends and families:

Treva, Carol and Nancy - thankful prayers that they have recovered from Covid and are gaining strength once again

Christy Jeffries - she is very thankful for the prayers and concerns following the death of her dad

Betty Graham - continued prayers that she will feel stronger and be comfortable

Julia Slater - thankful prayers that her first hip replacement was very successful and prayers that her second will be successful also

Janette Hutchinson - slowly healing from fall - feeling good very soon

B. Ann and Dave DuBois - health concerns - glad to see them again in church

Terri and Ken Bell - comfort and rest for Terri, cancer patient for many years, and strength for Ken as he takes care of her

Christy Jeffries - receiving comfort concerning the passing of her dad

Lisa Grace - longtime member - relief from many health concerns

Kathy Hood - longtime member, also - able to rest comfortably and deal with memory loss following stroke awhile ago

Kelly Higgs - prayers for her dad dealing with health issues and diabetes

Laura Brenner - hopefully feeling better after stomach illness

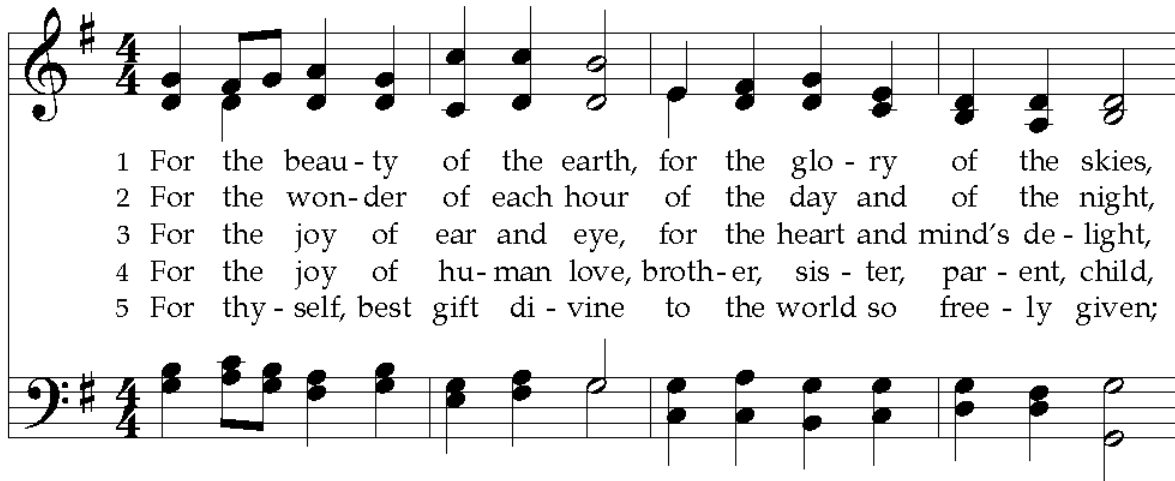
Barbara Van Tassel's friend, Judy - thankful prayers that she is making progress through rehab

Karen Schwartz's neighbor's grandson, Colin - good diagnosis and relief from bleeding

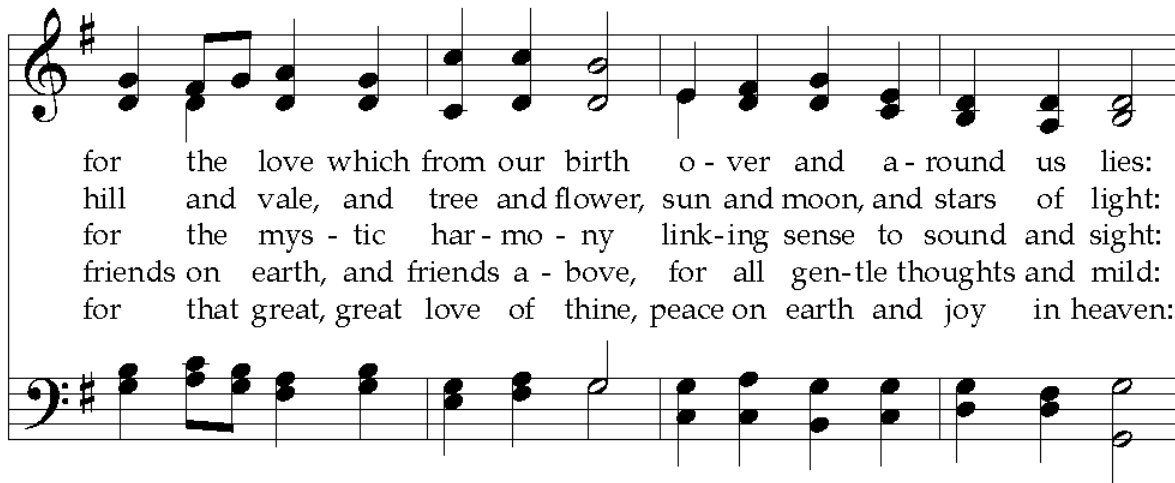
Carol's son, Bruce - diagnosed with cancer in the pancreas - prayers for excellent treatment and follow up good care

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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O Lord My God
How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin:
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

KOREAN

- 1 주 하나님 지으신 모든세계
 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때
 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성
 주님의 권능 우주에 찾네
- 후렴 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
- 2 숲속이나 험한산 골짜에서
 지저귀는 저 새소리들과
 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은
 주님의 숨씨 노래하도다 후렴
- 3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴
- 4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때
 저천국으로 날 인도하리
 나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며
 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

- 1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,
 el firmamento y las estrellas mil,
 al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
 y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,
- Estribillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
 Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
- 2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles
 y ver las bellas flores al pasar,
 al escuchar el canto de las aves
 y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estribillo
- 3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino
 que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,
 al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino
 y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estribillo
- 4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;
 te adoraré, cantando la grandeza
 de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estribillo

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.