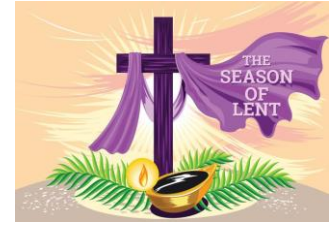
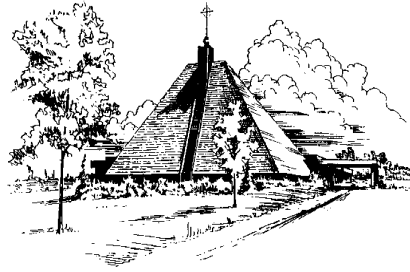


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM

MARCH 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

F. D. Maker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie Todd

CHORAL INTROIT

For God So Loved the World

Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

People: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

#320

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Searcher of hearts, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see the sins which our very sinfulness hides from our eyes. But our conscience does accuse us of failing; failing to watch against sin; failing to walk lovingly in one another's company; failing to offer ourselves completely to do your will. Look upon our sorrow, lift us up from where we have fallen in our weakness. Let the dayspring still arise in our hearts bringing forgiveness, healing and strength.

(Continue in silent prayer for personal confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Romans 8:31-34)

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

#805

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-2, 5-8, 11

Rev. Kraft

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' " they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

CHORAL ANTHEM

Truly This Was God's Son

Larson

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-26

Rev. Kraft

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

SERMON

"The Satanic Alternative"

Rev. Kraft

HYMN

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

#473

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

Give Me Jesus

#551

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Now May the God of Peace

Larson

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hassler

MINISTERS: Linda Ballenger and Treva Grunigen (Ushers), Donna Scioli (Refreshments), Janette Hutchinson (Flower Delivery)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Greg DiBona in loving memory of his grandmother, Angela Testa.

WE THANK Rev. James Kraft for leading us in worship.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 11:00 AM, Lounge

Choir Rehearsal - Sundays, 11:00 AM

Bell Rehearsal - Mondays, 7:00 PM

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) - Sunday, April 16, after worship

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

Session - 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Covenant will have a Good Friday service on April 7 at 3:00 PM. Elder Betty Herskovitz will be assisting Rev. Leopold, who will lead us in worship.

2. SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023, in the Sanctuary, following morning worship services. The purposes of this meeting are to elect church officers (Elders and Deacons), and congregational members of the 2023-2024 Church Officer Nominating Committee.

3. PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT

Join Music Directors Greg DiBona and Diana Dohrmann for a piano concert! Piano duets and solos will be presented from composers, John Williams, Scott Joplin, Leonard Bernstein, Claude Debussy and many more. The concert will be on Sunday, April 30 at 3PM located at Calvary Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will assist Music Departments at both Covenant and Calvary.

4. LUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

Lunch with the Bunny will be on Saturday April 1st at 11:30 AM. Hot Lunch, egg hunt, crafts, and take your own photos with the Easter Bunny will all take place on this fun filled afternoon! Admission is \$6, kids under 2 are free. If you would like to donate candy for the Easter egg hunt, please leave donations in the church office. Thank you!

5. EASTER LILY FORM

You can purchase an Easter Lily to honor a loved one! Please find the form in your bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

6. UPDATES! Covenant is making some exciting updates! We are now able to accept credit card payments for our events (such as tickets for the tea or Breakfast with Santa!). Covenant will need to download the Square app onto a host piece of hardware, such as an iPhone or iPad. The Square Reader can work with any iPhone 7 or more recent phones or with iPad if operating systems have been updated. If you have an iPhone or iPad (7 or newer) that you would like to donate to the church to help us support this update, we would be most grateful. Please contact Mandy Rosica or Chris Todd.

7. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Bible study is located in the Lounge on Mondays at 11 AM. The group will be studying the book of Luke. We hope to see you there!

8. 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.

9. STEWARDSHIP: Total income for 3/19: \$1162.00, Envelope Giving: \$887.00, Deacons Fund: \$160.00.



LUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

TIME: 11:30 AM

ADMISSION: \$6, CHILDREN UNDER 2: FREE!

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PIANO CONCERT

Gregory DiBona and Diana Dohrmann
Four Hands Piano
Benefit Concert:

Sunday, April 30, 2023

3:00 PM

Music of Mozart,
Bernstein, Debussy,
Joplin, and John
Williams.

All proceeds will assist
in funding Covenant
and Calvary's Music
Department.

Calvary Presbyterian Church
300 Fourth Street
Riverton, NJ 08077

I wish to purchase _____ Easter Lily (s) at \$12.50 each.

The Easter morning bulletin will include a listing of names of donors (if desired) and mention the names of those in whose memory or honor the lily (s) are presented.

For example:

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God by:

*Mrs. J. Smith in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Doe
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in honor of their children
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in gratitude for loved ones
The Smith Family*



Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Gratitude _____

Enclosed please find my check for the sum of \$ _____

Signed _____ Phone _____

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PRAYER LIST

Thankful and appreciative prayers for Rev. Zeidler's thoughtful sermon last week and for his cheerful manner. Prayers of gratitude to Betty Herskovitz for assisting in the service and to Nancy Perritt for providing the delicious goodies.

Prayers for peace in our communities, country and world. Keep caregivers close to your heart as they tend to the sick. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.



Please pray for our Covenant families and friends:

Barbara Van Tassel - healing well from knee replacement
Carol Grunigen - good diagnosis and treatment for heart related concerns
Betty Graham - settling in to her new home and relaxing
Terri Bell - able to rest comfortably and strength from Ken as he takes cares of her
Dawn Mozzi - improving following cancer treatment
Joan's friend, Mary - strength as she is treated for cancer
Mary Lou's friends, Dave, Christopher and Sherry - all dealing with difference areas of cancer - prayers that they can be helped
Pastor Kiner - very good care and strength for his wife
Duane - Linda Ballenger's friend - dealing with many health issues
Karen Schwartz' neighbor's grandson, Colin - 11-year-old - difficult health concerns
Emily Minieri - prayers that she is being helped to lift her spirits
Etna Kessler - excellent care at memory care facility
Emily Busby - quality care at nursing care facility
Peggie Massey - feeling well and being active at her Texas home
Marilyn and her son, Eugene, Davidoff - very good care and peace of mind for Marilyn and good care for Eugene who is in a nursing facility



320 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Ps. 95:1

1. Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim,
 2. Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, his
 3. In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
 4. Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; the his

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all your de-
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: The Venite, Psalm 95; para. Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1981
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770

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321 A Responsive Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of

473 And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

1. And can it be that I should gain an in-terest
 2. 'Tis mys-tery all! The Im-mor-tal dies! Who can ex-
 3. He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove, so free, so
 4. Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay fast bound in
 5. No con-dem-na-tion now I dread; Je-sus, and

in the Sav-ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For
 plore his strange de-sign? In vain the first-born ser-aph tries to
 in-fi-nite his grace; emp-tied him-self of all but love, and
 sin and na-ture's night; thine eye dif-fused a quick-ening ray, I
 all in him, is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing head, and

me, who him to death pur-sued? A-maz-ing love! how can it
 sound the depths of love di-vine! 'Tis mer-cy all! Let earth a-
 bled for Ad-am's help-less race; 'tis mer-cy all, im-mense and
 woke, the dun-geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was
 clothed in right-eous-ness di-vine, bold I ap-proach the e-ter-nal

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 dore, let an-gel minds in-quire no more. A-maz-ing
 free, for, O my God, it found out me. A-
 free; I rose, went forth and fol-lowed thee. A-
 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain

love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
mazing love! how can it be that thou, my God,

This block contains the musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

We Are the Reason 474

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Lk. 19:10

Unison

We are the rea - son that he gave his life; we are the rea -

This block contains the musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It is marked 'Unison' and features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

son that he suf-fered and died. To a world that was lost he gave all

This block contains the musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

he could give, to show us the rea - son to live. live.

This block contains the musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The system concludes with a double bar line and first and second endings.

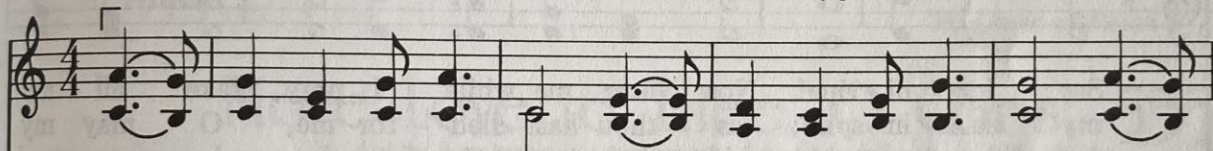
The Sufficiency of God 550

God, of your goodness give me yourself;
 for you are sufficient for me.
 I cannot properly ask anything less,
 to be worthy of you.
 If I were to ask less,
 I should always be in want.
 In you alone do I have all. **Amen.**

Julian of Norwich, 15th century

Give Me Jesus 551

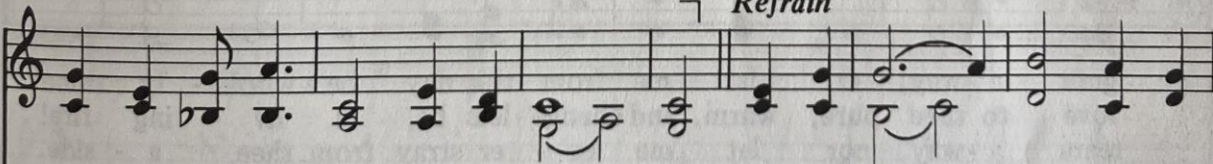
I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ . . . Phil. 3:8



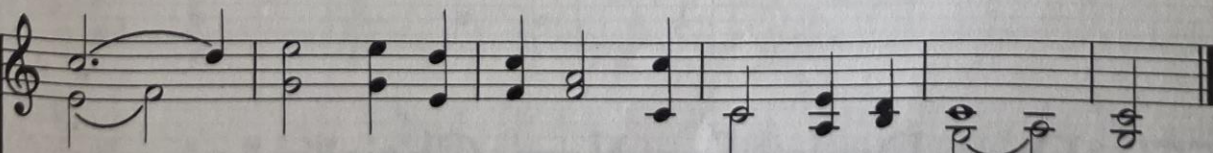
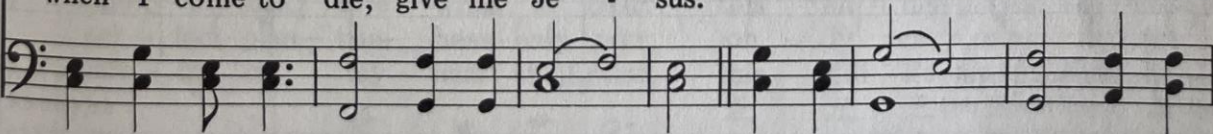
1. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, in the
 2. Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry, dark
 3. Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day, just a -
 4. O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, O,



Refrain



morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus. Give me Je - sus, give me
 bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 when I come to die, give me Je - sus.



Je - sus, you may have all this world, give me Je - sus.

