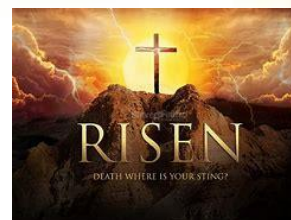
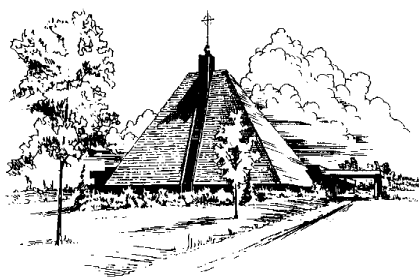


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM

May 7, 2023

PRELUDE

Awesome God

arr. Jerry Ray

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Cain

CHORAL INTROIT

Our God Reigns

Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:9-32

Leader: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

People: I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

Leader: I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

People: Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.

Leader: With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

People: I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

Leader: I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

People: I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Leader: Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word.

People: Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Leader: I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

People: My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

Leader: You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed, those who stray from your commands.

People: Remove from me their scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.

Leader: Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees.

People: Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.

Leader: I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word.

People: I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees.

Leader: Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

People: My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

Leader: Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

People: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.

Leader: I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame.

People: I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**SCRIPTURE**

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Jesus the Way to the

Father Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

CHORAL ANTHEM*Think of Me and Remember*

by Joel Raney

SERMON

"Believe"

Rev. Seth Kajang

HYMN*As We Gather Around the Table*

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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 abides.

**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:

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever more. Amen.



HYMN

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

#520

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Christ is Risen

Lloyd Larson

POSTLUDE

Lamb of God

T. Paris

MINISTERS: Christy and Bob Jeffries (Ushers), Barbara VanTassel (Refreshments), Jeanne Martin (Flower Delivery)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of their mothers, Grace and Mabel.

WE THANK: Rev. Seth Kajang for leading us in worship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BRUNCH

Covenant will hold brunch following the worship service on Sunday May 21. Please place your name on the signup sheet in the narthex.

2. 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!

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 4/30: \$1122.00, Envelope Giving: \$1102.00, Deacons Fund: \$55.00, Capital Improvement Fund: \$25.00.

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) – 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. Seth Kajang for his very thoughtful and interesting sermon and thank you to Chuck Rosica for conducting the service.

Keep those prayers coming for peace and calm in our communities, country and world. Please pray for healing for those who are ill with Covid or other diseases.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine.



Pray for our Covenant families and friends:



Joyful prayers for Carol Grunigen as she is home and recovering well following successful surgery
Thankful prayers for Betty Graham returning to her apartment as she recovers and gains strength following pneumonia
Nancy Perritt - prayers for regaining strength and total recovery from her illness due to Covid
Mary Lou Newborg - prayers that she will have successful back surgery and strength for her as she recovers
Treva's brother, Roy, who has suffered a heart attack and is hopefully recovering well
Betty Herskovitz's friend, Elaine's husband, Bill, receiving chemotherapy for brain illness
Emily Busby - good care at nursing facility
Etna Kessler - good care at memory care facility
Karen Schwartz's neighbor's grandson, Colin, improved health
Peggie Massey - keeping well and active in her Texas home
Marilyn and Gene Davidoff - keeping Marilyn safe and improved health for Eugene
Gary Shields - recovery from stroke - he was a student pastor at Covenant many years ago
Cancer patients:
Terri Bell - able to rest in comfort and strength for Ken as he takes care of her
Dawn Mozzi - good results from chemo
Joan's friend, Mary - good care
Mary Lou's friends - Christopher, Sherry, Marcelle, Pat and Dave - good care
Pastor Kiner - Breakthrough pastor - good care and strength for his wife
Bohdonna - good care for breast cancer
Rose - also good care for breast cancer

It Is Well with My Soul 519

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well It is
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

(All) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord."
 and blood of the risen Lord.
 "Do this in remembrance of me." 1 Cor. 11:24

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As We Gather Around the Table 770

Unison

1. As we gath - er a - round the ta - ble of our Lord,
 2. As we gath - er a - round the ta - ble of our Lord,
 3. As we gath - er a - round the ta - ble of our Lord,

we re - call his hum - ble birth in Beth - le - hem;
 we re - call his ag - o - ny up - on the cross;
 we re - call the emp - ty tomb where he was laid.

as the an - gels sang, as the shep - herds came,
 there our Sav - ior died, a - lone was cru - ci - fied:
 He is liv - ing still, our long - ing hearts to fill:

let us a - dore and wor - ship the Lord, let us re - mem - ber him.
 let us a - dore and wor - ship the Lord, let us re - mem - ber him.
 let us a - dore and wor - ship the Lord, let us re - mem - ber him.

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520 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

"Trust in God; trust also in me." Jn. 14:1

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word,
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood,
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease,
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend,

just to rest up - on his prom - ise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!