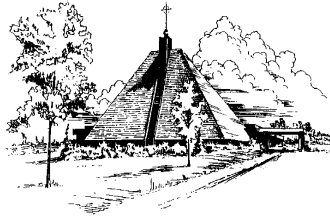


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

OCTOBER 1, 2023

PRELUDE

Awesome God

arr. J. Ray

CHORAL INTROIT

Worship the Lord

L. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lou Newborg

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Leader: My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

People: I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

Leader: We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

People: He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

Leader: He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

People: He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

Leader: He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

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PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 23-32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin? "They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let Me Ride

R. Dilworth

SERMON

"Yes or No — Doing the Right Thing Matters"

Rev. Miller

HYMN

I Come with Joy

#768

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



*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
Christ in this world. 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

Break Thou the Bread of Life

#315

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Out in Song

L. Larson

POSTLUDE

Nothing but the Blood

G. Austin

MINISTERS: Ron Green and David Landgraf (Ushers), Linda Ballenger (Refreshments), Linda
Ballenger (Flower Delivery), Karen Schwartz (Chancel)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by the VanTassels in honor of loved ones.

WE THANK: Rev. Jonathan Miller for leading us in worship.

Jonathan Miller was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Wilmington Friends School (DE), Trinity
College (CONN) and Princeton Seminary (NJ). Following college, he served in the USMC and sensed
his call to ministry following his time of service. He has served churches in Red Bank, NJ, Havertown,
PA, Laurel Springs, NJ and Moorestown, NJ. Jonathan is married to Karin and they are the blessed
parents of Sarah (Jeremy) Rotter, and Katie (Tony) Sundermeier. Four grandchildren keep
their grandparents on the move! Jonathan is grateful for the Covenant Church and is privileged to be
here today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BRUNCH

Join us for soups, breads, and other goodies after worship on November 12th in Fellowship Hall.

2. CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

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

3. LADIES TEA

Ladies Christmas Tea is December 2nd at 12:30PM (Tea at 1PM) - an elegant afternoon with full tea service, Christmas decor, and fellowship. Ages 5 and up welcome. Tickets on sale Nov. 5th.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attention all children starting at age 4. Covenant will be hosting Sunday School during the 10am Church Service on the following dates: October 15th November 19th, December 17th.

5. PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Covenant has officially elected the Pastoral Nominating Committee at the Congregational meeting on September 10. The members are: Molly Day, Jeanne Martin, Sandi Pascone, Steve Peak, Amanda Rosica, Diane Steel, and Chris Todd. We ask that you pray for the team's success.

6. 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.

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

8. COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MAUI Within hours of the devastating fire that swept through Lahaina, our Presbyterian Disaster Relief program staff were already working to coordinate with emergency workers on site. Along with continuing prayer support, Presbytery leadership invites your tangible signs of support and compassion by contributing to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief program to aid ongoing relief efforts.

Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church (Memo: Maui). Covenant will send the donation to the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. Thank you for your support and contribution.

9. STEWARDSHIP

Total Income for 9/24: \$1142.00,
Envelope Giving: \$842.00.

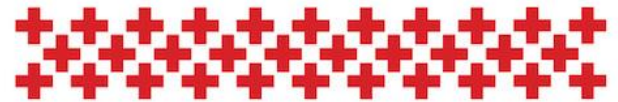
10. BLOOD DRIVE AT COVENANT

Covenant will be hosting a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. We will need volunteers to assist. Please contact Amanda Rosica if you are interested in helping (amanda_rosica@yahoo.com).

11. BOOK CLUB The Covenant Book Club will be reading "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan. Please join us on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 in the church lounge for a pot-luck dinner and discussion.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Covenant Presbyterian Church

Main Hall
2618 New Albany Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Friday, October 20, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Covenant Presbyterian Church to schedule an appointment.



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See
redcross.org/together



MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study – Mondays 11:00 AM
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 (Mary Lou Newborg) – 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 Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp for his meaningful sermon and for his care and love in the baptism of Theodore Vincent Rosica. Thank you to Mandy Rosica for her participation in the reading of Scripture and announcements. Bonnie Cain provided tasty goodies following worship - thank you!

Joyful prayers to see Sandy Smock, former member and at one time very active family at Covenant, visiting Diane Steel from Texas.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Maui.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your daily prayers:

Jim Bender's family and his friends and neighbors - comfort and peace to them as Jim is laid to rest
Betty Graham - very good care and relief from persistent leg discomfort
Treva Grunigen's sister-in-law, Janice, who is nearing the end of her life that she can rest in comfort and prayers for strength for her husband, Roy, as he watches over and takes very good care of her
Cynthia Joffe - continued healing of her leg and foot and gaining mobility
Bobbie Bechtel - continued healing of her broken ribs and feeling better
Etna Kessler - good care in memory care facility
Emily Busby - good care in nursing facility
B. Ann and Dave DuBois - dealing with health concerns
Mary Lou's concern - that there will be good results for 18-month-old Logan who was diagnosed with cancer and will be experiencing treatment
Terri Bell - longtime cancer patient that she is able to rest in comfort and strength from the good care by her husband, Ken
Dawn Mozzi - good care
Betty's friend, Bill - that he is receiving good results from intense chemo treatment
Joan's friend, Mary - that she gets good results as she nears the end of her treatment
Denise - former member that she is enjoying her grandson, Wade, and is having peace of mind
Karl Ortlip - doing well following heart attack a few months ago
Bruce, Dawn and Erin – Carol's family - thankfulness for having good jobs and prayers for strength and good health
Gary Shields - former member - prayers for healing following a stroke



21 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1

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 hear the *roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty"

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Come, We That Love the Lord 22

Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song. Ps. 149:1

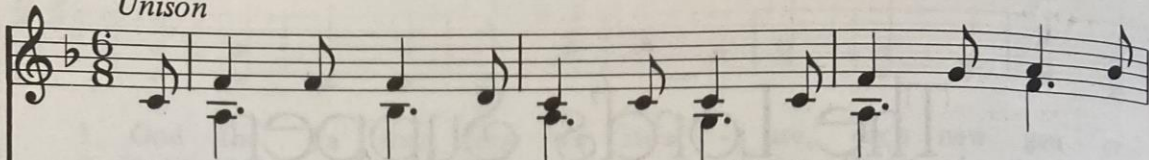
1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, join
 2. Let those re-fuse to sing who nev-er knew our God; but
 3. The hill of Zi-on yields a thou-sand sa-cred sweets be-
 4. Then let our songs a-bound, and ev-ery tear be dry; we're

in a song with sweet ac-cord, and thus sur-round the throne.
 chil-dren of the heav-en-ly King may speak their joys a-broad.
 fore we reach the heav-en-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets.
 march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground to fair-er worlds on high.

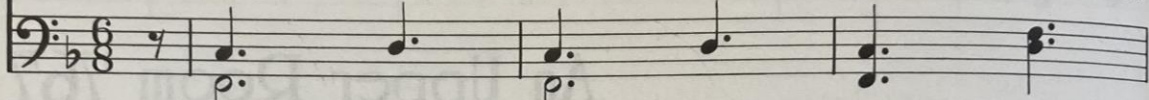
768 I Come with Joy

"I have eagerly desired to eat . . . with you." Lk. 22:14

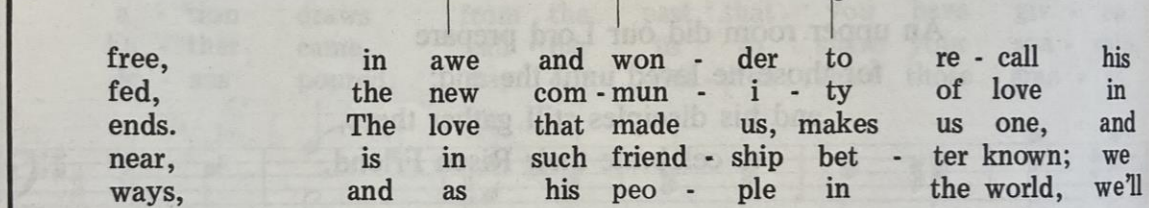
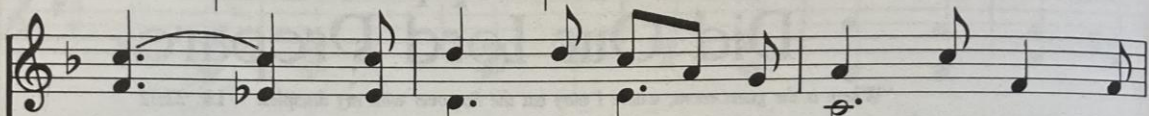
Unison



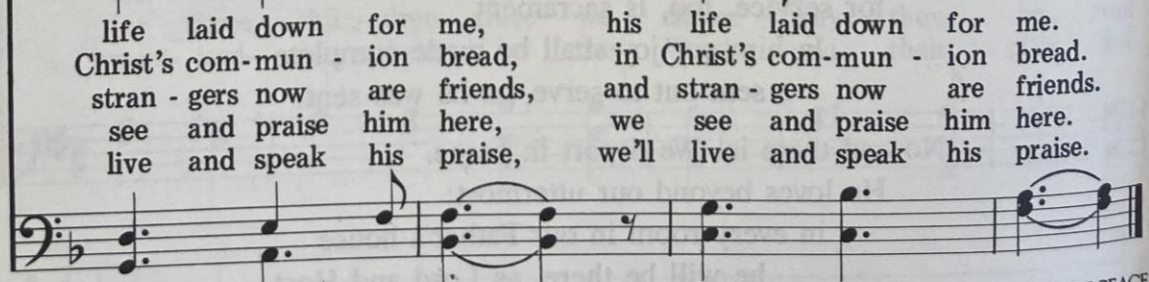
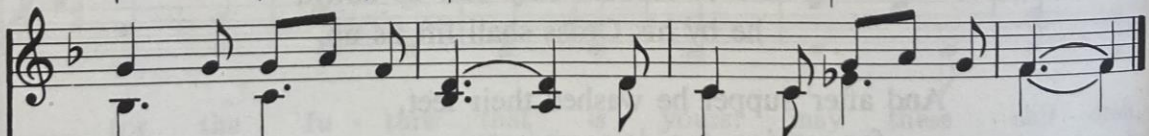
1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for-giv-en, loved and
 2. I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. his pres-ence, al-ways
 5. To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound, we'll go our dif-ferent



free, in awe and won-der to re-call his
 fed, the new com-mun-i-ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known; we
 ways, and as his peo-ple in the world, we'll



life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mun-ion bread, in Christ's com-mun-ion bread.
 stran-gers now are friends, and stran-gers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.



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DOVE OF PEACE
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769 Communion Service Call to Worship

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

**The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in one,
 as we share him together.**

This is something we do eagerly.

Concerning the Scriptures 314

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, alt.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 315

... and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Mk. 6:41

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst
 3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, thy ho - ly
 4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

break the loaves be - side the sea; be - yond the sa - cred page
 bless the bread by Gal - i - lee; then shall all bond-age cease,
 Word the truth that sav - eth me; give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see: show me the truth con-cealed

I seek thee, Lord, my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 with thee a - bove; teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 with - in thy Word, and in thy Book re - vealed I see thee, Lord.