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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude *The Carillon* arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz
Handbell Choir

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* arr. Joel Raney
Rebecca Brake, piano and Brett Levi, organ

'And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God...But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all His commandments and His statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.' Deuteronomy 28:2, 15

Whoever despises the Word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the Commandment will be rewarded. Proverbs 13:13

'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' John 11:25-26

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

"The sober truth is that without a full disclosure on sin, the gospel of grace becomes impertinent, unnecessary, and finally uninteresting." Cornelius Plantinga

"There is mercy for a sinner, but there is no mercy for the man who will not own himself a sinner." C.H. Spurgeon

"Those whom the Spirit draws to Jesus are those whom the Spirit has convinced of sin. Without thorough conviction of sin, men may seem to come to Jesus and follow Him for a season, but they will soon fall away and return to the world." J.C. Ryle

"When we deal seriously with our sin, God will deal gently with us." C.H. Spurgeon

"The Law was never intended to be a means of obtaining grace; it was given to demonstrate to men that grace was desperately needed." Bob Deffinbaugh

"If you are hopeless, there may be many contributors, but two are certain: 1. You have placed your hope in something other than God...and it has let you down. 2. You may understand that Jesus conquered death, but you live as though He is still in the grave. All hopelessness is ultimately a denial of the resurrection." Edward Welch

Order of Worship – March 31, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Matthew 28:1-6 (responsive reading)
After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Everyone: *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Everyone: *The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified.'*

'He is not here; He is risen, just as He said.'

Everyone: *He is not here; He is risen! Alleluia!*

***Hymn of Resurrection #277** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*
Elder Tom Kasischke

Invocation

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 38. "What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?"

A. "At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.."

***Hymn of Victory #267** *The Day of Resurrection*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* arr. Dan Forrest

***The Reading of God's Word** Zechariah 5:1-4; Luke 23:39-43

The Message from God's Word "Victorious Grace"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*
by John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Crown Him With Many Crowns*
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head
Greg Hostetler, trumpet and Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn #276** *Up From the Grave He Arose*

***Benediction** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

***Resurrection Doxology** LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* by Charles-Marie Widor
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (*if able*)