



New Covenant Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2022

10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

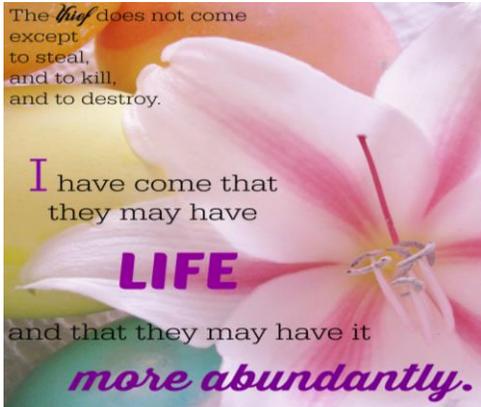
May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader:

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



When our boys were little, they sang a song in a church musical about having an “Abunda-Wonderful Life”. Since they were all dressed like sheep it was easy to believe. Of course Jesus would want all of these adorable children to have lives that were both abundant and wonderful and, of course, all of the parents watching would work their hardest to make sure that happened. But as we all know, our best laid plans don’t always work out. Is it possible to find abundant life during the hard times? Do you believe what John 10:10 tells us? “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

- L: Brothers and sisters, if you lift your net and it is empty, look to God!
- P: We’ll cast it out again into Christ’s abundance.**
- L: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, look here!
- P: We’ll find the Risen Christ here among us.**
- L: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!
- P: The Resurrected Christ is leading a dance of joy!**
- L: Come here, sisters and brothers!
- P: Come, let us worship and praise our God!**

Hymn #306

1- Fairest Lord Jesus!
Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown!

2- Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

3- Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

Prayer of Confession

Lay Leader

Lord, save us from ourselves. Forgive us when we continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results. Lord, save us from trying too much. We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach. Lord, save us from doing too little. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Forgive us Lord, save us from ourselves and our self-centeredness. Help us to remember that you are always near. Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me." And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.



Assurance of Pardon:

- L: On this Third Sunday of Easter, let us remember the tomb is still empty, the stone is still rolled away.
- P: **There is no darkness, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us.**
- L: We are loved and restored, recipients of the gift and promise of new life and resurrection.
- P: **We believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lay Leader

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.



L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music



After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he

was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Breakfast on the Beach

Rev. Beth Thomas



Responding to the Word

Hymn #367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors
We have from you.*

*1-Kneels at the feet of his friends;
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. R*

*2- Neighbors are rich folk and poor,
Neighbors are black, brown, and white,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. R*

*3- These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you. R*

*4-Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves;
This is the way we should live with you. R*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I case all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving



Going Out to Serve

Hymn #432

Song of Hope

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Blessing

L: Go forth knowing that God loves each of you and wants you to experience life abundantly!
That God calls you by name! You are his!

P: *Mighty is the power of our God, for God has a purpose for each of us, and his loves steadfast, enduring no matter what, forever and ever.*

L: And may the blessings of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

Response

*He is Lord – He is Lord,. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*