

THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wyeth/Honore

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his Name.

Leader: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 302 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess how often we choose to listen to the fearful chattering of our hearts rather than examine our hearts in the light of your Word. We so easily despair. We so easily become disturbed, distracted, and discouraged. We forget both your presence and your promises. Forgive us, we pray, and restore our hope in you, our Mighty Savior and our God. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Matthew 11:28-30

LEADER: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 29

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Lift Thine eyes** Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 8:22-25

*HYMN 304 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

SERMON INTO THE STORM
Luke 5:17-6:11
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 630 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE The Lord's My shepherd Irvine/Hustad

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — Jeff Castor, Wayne Shaw
Musicians — Jeff Castor Family, Helen Ro

**Offertory Lyrics:

Lift Thine eyes, O lift Thine eyes,
to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Words and Music: Felix Mendelssohn
(from his oratorio "Elijah")

**Congregation standing*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.
 Traditional Spanish melody
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

304

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav' - ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar, 1846
 Alt. 1990, mod.

VOX DILECTI C.M.D.
 John B. Dykes, 1868

630

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. Ps. 89:9

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3. O sa - cred Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our breth - ren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep and
 dark and rude, who badd'st its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 gav - est light and life and peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; and ev - er let there

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting, 1860, 1869

MELITA 6.8.8.8.8.8.
 John B. Dykes, 1861

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In this time of social distancing, we hope to maintain closer fellowship by sending two Covenant Update e-newsletters each week, typically on Tuesday and Friday. Please be sure to check for announcements, items of interest within our congregation, and valuable resources. We welcome news and photos from your family for possible inclusion in future editions. We are working to stay connected as much as possible to encourage one another in the Lord.

If you are having trouble securing basic household goods (toiletries, hand sanitizer, diapers, etc.) and are in need, please contact John Rohrman for possible assistance. Likewise, if you have extra items that you would be willing to share, please contact John as well. Supplies chains typically catch up to demand in time, but this is yet another opportunity for us to help each other in matters both big and small.

Please note the Senior Fellowship Italian luncheon for April 14 (as with all group events at present) has been cancelled. The May 12th trip to the Freedom Foundation has been postponed until September 8th. Please stay home and healthy and continue to fellowship via phone, email, and video chat. We look forward to when, by God's grace, we can all be together again.

The Women's Committee has decided to pair ladies into Prayer Partners instead of the planned Secret Sisters. Please complete the survey (link in Covenant Update) to receive a partner for the purpose of encouragement, prayer and getting to know one another better. Be creative in how you reach out to your Sister - by mail, email or phone call. These are great ways to bring joy during days of isolation. Contact Adrienne Rohrman with any questions.

Online giving is now available through Covenant's website. Simply visit www.covpreschurch.org and click the upper right "Donate" tab to make a contribution. As always, you are also welcome to mail your tithe to the church or drop it off at the church office if you are passing by.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Winnie Bikle

Ethel Castor

Rich Fisher

Poke and Peg Hasson

Denis Stager

Expecting

Kendall Dietterich

Nancy Hillman

Delia Mekel

Barb Nelson

Grieving

Dietterich Family

Lagonegro Family

Missions

John and Ursula Orlando, who had been serving with Ministry to the Military and Internationals (MMI) in Italy, returned to the US in January. John is currently on sabbatical until July, when he assumes the pastorate at Olive Street PCA in Coatesville, Pa. He will be maintaining his pastoral relationship with New Life Church in Vicenza, Italy, through June.

Prior to the Orlando's departure, a leadership team was formed. They have been handling much of the shepherding and preaching responsibilities along with Trinity Reformed PCA in Germany, who has committed to providing occasional pulpit supply.

As Italy has been hit hard by the Covid-19 virus, church services at New Life have temporarily been suspended. Fortunately, all church members are doing well so far. As for John's replacement, God has answered prayers! A new pastor has officially been called but will need to raise support and secure visas for himself and his wife before assuming the position.

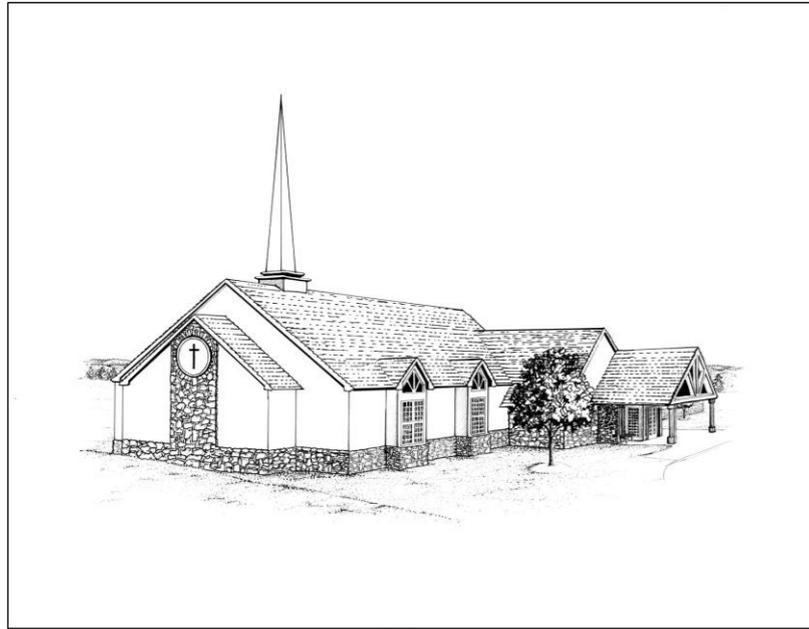
Please pray for the people of Italy and for the new pastor as he raises support.

**For more information on ministries, please visit
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grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*