

# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel*

**June 13, 2021**

### **Welcome Guests, Friends, & Family!**

*As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.*

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### **REFLECTION** | God's people prepare for worship

*"Perhaps it is a warning to the disciples in view of what they said, 'we have left everything to follow you' (v. 28). They must not conceive of their discipleship in terms of rewards. Discipleship entails suffering and service; it must be entered on in terms of love and commitment to Jesus."*

- Walter Wessel

*"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth, only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."*

- C.S. Lewis

**Prelude:** It Is Well With My Soul

**PRAISE** | We praise our merciful & gracious God

**The Lord Gathers Us** – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

– Isaiah 49:13

**Prayer** - *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in “Spirit and truth.*

**Songs of Praise** (below)

Come, Christians, Join To Sing  
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms  
At The Cross

# Come, Christians, Join to Sing



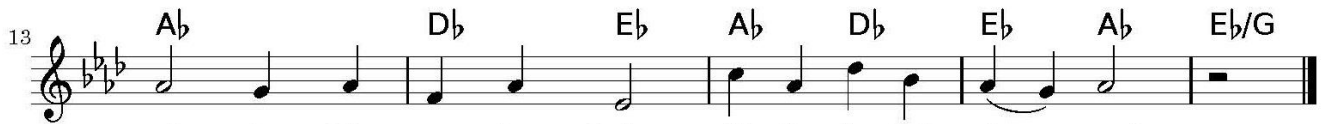
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prai - ses 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 - jice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on hea - ven'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 ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sin - ging fo - re - ver - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

# Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Words and Music by  
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and Anthony J. Showalter

## VERSE



1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

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D G C<sup>6</sup> C G/D



-last - ing arms; What a bless - ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
-last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er -  
-last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

## CHORUS

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D<sup>7</sup> G G C G G/B D G D



-last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
-last - ing arms.  
-last - ing arms.

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G C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G



Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

# At The Cross

V/V/C/V/C/C

## Verse

1. O Lord, You've searched me; You know my name.  
2. You go be - fore me; You shield my way.  
3. And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes,

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E - ven when I fail You, I know You love me!  
As Your hand up - holds me, I know You love me!  
When I stand be - fore You, I know You love me!

## Chorus

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At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me.

There's no grea - ter love than this! You have o - ver - come the grave!

Glo - ry fills the high - est place! What can se - pa - rate me now?

**2021 Graduates**—*We recognize and congratulate our high school and college graduates.*

Jacob Chatten, Haddon Township High School  
Davyn Nunez, Moorestown High School  
Graham Williams, Haddonfield High School  
Brendan Barrett, Rowan University  
Andrew Lem, College of New Jersey  
Lydia Mackey, College of William and Mary, University of St. Andrews  
Jenna Marchewka, Rutgers University New Brunswick  
Jesse Marchewka, Marymount California University  
Nicholas Panagotopoulos, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**RENEWAL** | The Lord forgives his people

**Confessing our Sin** – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

**Leader:** For the ways that we have strayed from your truth and neglected to listen to your voice,

**People:** **Forgive us Lord.**

**Leader:** For the ways that we have attempted to earn your favor and fallen flat,

**People:** **Forgive us Lord.**

**Leader:** For the ways that we have abused your grace, committing evil with the assumption that we have a privileged place with you,

**People:** **Forgive us Lord.**

**Leader:** For the ways that we have hoarded your grace, refusing to extend it to others that have committed wrongs against us,

**People:** **Forgive us Lord, by the blood of your Son who, for our sake, became sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.**

**Private Confession**

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**—*During the assurance of pardon, God powerfully speaks to the hearts of Believers, reassuring them of His infinite love and forgiveness provided through faith in Christ.*

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved."*

(Ephesians 2:4-5)

**Prayer**—*The prayer of intercession follows the pattern found in Scripture, as we pray for Civil Authorities (1 Tim 2:1, 2), Christian ministry and mission (Matt. 9:36-38), Salvation of all people (1 Tim. 2:3-4), Sanctification of Believers (Eph. 6:18), and the afflicted (Jm. 5:13-16).*

**We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (below)

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14*

♯ F C F Gm D Gm F C F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb F C7 F C7 F C F C F Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Gm F C F 7 C7 Dm Gm C7 F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## **PROCLAMATION** | God feeds his people

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Brent Kilman *served as Covenant's Youth Pastor from 2009-2014. He is leaving RUF, Rowan University to pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church in Everett, WA.*

**Scripture:** Mark 10:28-31

*We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.*

**Sermon:** "The Comforts of a Disciple"

*The sermon is meant by God's design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, "God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered."*

## **RESPONSE** | We respond with thanksgiving

**We Sing:** O God, Beyond All Praising (below)



# O God beyond All Praising

1. O God, be-yond all prai-sing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sa-vior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-ma-zing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

For we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 and whe-ther our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at-bles-sings wi-thout num-ber and mer-cies wi-thout end:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait u-pon your word,  
 To mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

We ho-nor and a-dore you, our great and migh-ty Lord.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sa-cri-fice of praise.

**Benediction** | *Please stand as you are able*

*From the Latin “beneficiary,” meaning “to bless,” this is the pronouncement of God’s blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.*

**We Go** – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves.*