

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Prelude Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer! *Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome

Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

Invitation to Confession and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

Scripture Reading Luke 10: 25-37 *NRSV*

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Children's Sermon

Musical Selection

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
For thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Catherine Carter, soprano

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19: 13-18

NRSV

You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Sermon

Love without Limits

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Musical Selection

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel  
(from *Messiah*)

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.*

Catherine Carter, soprano

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Lani Smith

**Participating in worship today:**

*Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor*

*Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming, Transitional Assoc. Pastor  
for Christian Education and Family Ministry*

*Mrs. Jan Thyren, Guest Organist*

*Mrs. Catherine Carter, soloist*