

CAPE COD COVENANT CHURCH
Third Sunday after Epiphany

(Children through 6th grade are dismissed for Sunday School)

January 22, 2023

10:30am

CHORAL ANTHEM

God of Grace

arr. Larsen

Autumn Loewen and Karin Loewen, strings

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, You are mystery greater than our minds can comprehend.
And yet, You have come to us in Jesus and he invites us to be with him;
to follow where he leads so that we may find You whom our hearts seek.

We come but we bring with us our doubts, our questions, our frailties, our inability to love one another as You command.

We come, hesitant, yet drawn by Your all-compelling love.

Immerse us in the waters of Your grace.

Pour Your Holy Spirit upon us.

Teach us to love one another with the love of Christ.

We ask it in the many names of Jesus, our Lord, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Son of God, Teacher, Savior, Friend, the Love that surrounds us all our days.

HYMN

Out of Need and Out of Custom

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Protector of the widow, Provider of the orphan and Companion of the stranger; in a world where so many know only despair, suffering and pain, You raised Your Son Jesus to give hope to all humanity and renewal to all creation. Continue to strengthen and unify Your Church in its struggles against the forces of evil in the world, where violence against creation and humanity obscures the hope of the new life You offer in Christ.

This we pray in the name of the Risen Lord, and in the power of His Spirit, using words he has taught us: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Lolly Warner

Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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2nd Century

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, You are the maker of us all, and we are Your creation, people formed in Your image, as individuals, and as community; formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who You are and whose we are.

We worship You today in recognition of Your calling, of Your communicating, of Your caring to invite us to share in Your creative and healing work.

We are here because we have heard You speak in us and through others.

Help us, Lord, to ever respond to You and Your invitation to grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of all our moments, You speak and You act in the world around us, not only to call all people to You, but also to direct and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness. Awaken us Lord, to hear what You would say to us. Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to Your presence.

Help us to know when it is Your voice we are hearing and it when it is our own prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that Your church may rise up with renewed commitment in answer to Your call, that Your people may be instruments of Your grace and love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who consider themselves inadequate and dismiss or avoid Your calling in their lives. Give them a new vision in which You are their strength and their hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray today for those in want and in need – for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, bless all Your children with an abundant faith and a joyful life. Bless us and all those who continue the work of Jesus, who came to heal, save, and deliver us all.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

HYMN

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright?

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THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-14

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Light or Fear" Paul D'Angona

*HYMN Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad 116

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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- An offering plate is in the narthex by the doors to the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the ministries of our church.
- For hearing enhancement devices or information on our T-Loop Hearing System, please visit our morning usher.
- **HEY KIDS! Sunday School every Sunday!** You'll be dismissed during worship to head downstairs for class. And be sure to visit our **YOUNG READERS LENDING LIBRARY** (shaped like a lighthouse and located next to the elevator in the narthex) to borrow an age-appropriate bible.
- Copies of our weekly Prayer List can be found on the table in the narthex by the exterior doors, or online at www.capecodcovenantchurch.com



Welcome! We are thrilled that you have chosen to join with us this morning as we worship our amazing God of grace and love. We hope that you will discover this to be a place where you can BELONG, BELIEVE and BECOME.

If you are here with us for the first time, please be sure to visit our church website, www.capecodcovenantchurch.com

Pastor: Rev. Johnny Agurkis
 Church Administrator: Joan Thompson
 Director of Music Ministries: Mary Avellar
 Accompanist: Sara Pattie
 Custodian: Bob Wilson
 Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Thomas Nelson

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
 For a child has been born – for us!
 The gift of a son – for us!

-from Isaiah 9 (The Message)