



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | March 3, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Tune: NETTLETON

Arr: Grace Kim

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Return to God, who calls you to steadfast love.

The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

We come to receive mercy and healing.

Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

We come, ready to follow Jesus.

***Hymn 503** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing Lord of love, you spread your table before us and invite us to feast. And yet, we judge others unworthy to sit at your table, and doubt our own worthiness of your love. Forgive us, we pray. You desire mercy, not sacrifice, as a response to your never-ending grace and love. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may receive and know your grace and love and extend your table and your grace to all whom you love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Hosea 5:15-6:6

Anthem *Hallelujah*

Leonard Cohen

Second Lesson Matthew 9:9-13

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sermon *Table Talk: Mercy*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision*

Tune: SLANE
Arr: Sharon Wilson

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will come up the center aisle and return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)

***Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table of Grace* (v1 and v3)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

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Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Tune: ST. AGNES
Arr: Cindy Berry

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (The Summons)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Dismissal**

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude *Fugue in G Minor*

Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist, Sara Bryant
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox

The TAM Trio (T³): Sharon Miller (piano),
Katherine Tibbetts (cello),
Christine Anderson (violin)
Lay Reader, Sam Quer

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.