



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

Welcome to Worship! | August 25th, 2024 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Prelude on an Old Folk Tune*

Amy Marcy Beach

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

With joy, we welcome one another.

**How good it is to worship in God's house!**

Here we welcome both friend and stranger as beloved children of God.

**We will open our hearts to receive new strength and new understanding.**

Surely God will equip us to face our world.

**We will be ambassadors for Christ wherever we go.**

**\*Hymn 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (written by Rev. Lucus Levy Keppel)

**Holy and beloved God, though we wander from your path as though we don't have a care in the world, it is you who protects us and guides us back. When we would choose falsehood, tighten your belt of truth around us. When we would be corrupted by the world, cover us with your long-sleeved shirt of righteousness that reminds us of your purity. When we would walk into tall grass wearing sandals, cover our feet with your boots, ready to take the Gospel of Peace even to the den of snakes. When thorns and stickers would wound us, protect us with your bluejeans of faith. When our heads would get hot and our tempers rise, cool us with your wide-brimmed hat of salvation, reminding us that nothing separates us from you. When we would throw rocks in anger, show us the rod of your Spirit, the Word of God, who reminds us to love our enemies and heal their wounds. Walk with us in our journey, and help us to be in step with you and in you, wherever you lead us. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Back to School Blessing**

## WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** Psalm 84

**Second Lesson** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon** *Standing Firm in the Gospel of Peace*

Reverend Katherine B. Harrington

\***Hymn 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

## THANKSGIVING

**Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Offertory** *Humoresque*

Antonín Dvořák

\***Doxology 606**

\***Prayer of Dedication**

## SENDING

\***Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\***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** *Fughetta in C*

J.S. Bach

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Violin Soloist, Elle Lathan  
Organist, Randy Warner  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Hank Montgomery

## **Our Mission**

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