



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | May 21, 2023 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *Abide with Us, Lord Jesus*

Johann Walther

Welcome

Jen Phelps

*Call to Worship

Virginia Nordeen

Leader: Though the dark clouds cover us and the violent storms assail, God seeks us out and protects us.

ALL: God brings us to the safe shelter of God's compassion.

Leader: When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us, God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and transforming our lives.

ALL: Praise God who searches for us and brings us home. AMEN.

*Gathering Prayer

Caroline Stuart

*Hymn 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (vv. 1 & 4)

**(v. 1) Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**

**(v. 4) May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

Ford Butner

God of creation, we keep messing things up. Forgive us for what we do, and for all the things we let happen. We ignore Jesus and sometimes we make bad decisions. We swear and sometimes we try to get revenge. Forgive us for war, for fighting over stupid things, and for the bullying and shootings in our schools. Forgive us for the fact that racism, global warming and suicide are things that exist in our world. Forgive us for our lack of respect for others, and our lack of respect of you. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ford Butner

*Sung Response 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (vs 1)

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Berkley McEwen

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WORD

Baptism - Cole Sullivan Mortenson

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Parents: Douglas and Robin Mortenson and sister, Maggie

Apostle's Creed *hymnal, p. 35*

Sung Response *See This Wonder in the Making (hymnal back page)*

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25: 31-46
Micah 6:8

Jack Richardson
Zac Phelps

Sermon *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Zac Phelps

Blessing of the Seniors

Jen Phelps

***Hymn 300** *We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sarah Johnson

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Walker Heidenreich

Offertory *Senior Sunday Video*

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Walker Heidenreich

SENDING

***Hymn 539** *We Will Go Out with Joy*

***Blessing**

Zac Phelps

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians*

Peter Scholtes arr. Wilbur Held

The flowers in the Sanctuary

Are given to the glory of God and in memory of Steve Wallace's mother, Edith, whose birthday was May 18th, and in memory of Dawn Wallace's daughter, Melissa Huggins Jones, whose birthday was May 21st.

The flowers in the Narthex

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Cole Mortenson and in memory of his Nana, Mary Andrews.

Worship Leaders

Head Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Zac Phelps, College Intern
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Jen Phelps, Director of Youth Ministries
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Pat Litzinger, Percussion

Our Mission

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