



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

Welcome to Worship! | August 3, 2025 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Largo from Trio Sonata No. 2, BWV 526*

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Impact Story

Ann Danchak

Call to Worship

Beth Cherry

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Joyfully we gather in this place, for God is generous and we are grateful.

Again: Rejoice! The Lord is near.

Prayerfully we gather in this place, with open hearts to discern God's plan.

Joyfully present, prayerfully connected, let us rejoice in God with song

***Hymn 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

Call to Confession

Rev. Parker Lucas

Prayer of Praise and Confession*

Remembering your generosity prompts us to be generous like you and to practice generosity with you for the sake of the world. Remembering your generosity is vital in this covenant relationship. When we forget, we become distant, less likely to spend time with you; less likely to see the goodness in the day and be grateful for it; less likely to trust your generosity; and less likely to show kindness to your people and your creation. Trusting in your mercy, together we silently confess. (Silent confession)
Holy God, forgive us. Help us remember to rejoice always, pray continually, and remain gratefully alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, and in the world; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response**

(Sung to the tune "Hymn to Joy")

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon *Joyfully Present & Prayerfully Connected*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Jen Phelps

Offertory *Just the Way You Are*

Billy Joel

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication[†]**

Generous God, over and over and over again, you bestow your gifts upon us. You drop them into our lives, then our hearts overflow in gladness, and—like ripples in a tidal pool—we respond by spreading our time, our talent, and our treasures outward. Through our offering, may we, like you, be the pebble that begins the ripple; through our prayers, may we, with you, be the water that carries it onward; and through our actions, may we, for you, be the vessel that spreads your love, now and forever more. Amen.

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* (v. 5 Joy)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *He Leadeth Me*

arr. Lani Smith

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 821** *My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)*

***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 *Prelude in A Major, BWV 536*

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist, Sara Bryant

Pianist, Steve Lowry
Soloist, Allen Kraus
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

[†]Liturgy written by Randy Warner

[‡]Adapted from the writing of Karl B. Travis in *God's Gift of Generosity: Gratitude Beyond Stewardship*

[‡]Prayer of Dedication written by the Capital Campaign Prayer Team

Our Mission

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