



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | May 7, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Allegro Comodo*

Frank Bridge

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We come together as the church;

not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.

We will be the living stones

that shout God's praise even when others are silent.

God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.

We will proclaim God's mighty acts together!

***Gathering Prayer**

Hymn 409 *God Is Here!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Scripture Readings: Psalm 31:1-5
1 Peter 2:2-10

Sermon: *The Cornerstone and Living Stones*

***Hymn 463** *How Firm A Foundation*

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Who Am I*

Casting Crowns/Mark Hall

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Table of our Lord. The distribution of the elements will be shared by intinction, the dipping of bread into a common cup. The congregation will receive communion using the center aisle. Please return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available if preferred).

Choral Invitation 507 *Come to the Table of Grace (Verses 1 and 2)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup Together

Communion Music *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Wilbur Held, Charles Callahan

Closing Prayer

SENDING

***Hymn 634** *To God Be the Glory*

***Blessing**

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Mark Seido

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Elijah Cole, Vocal Soloist
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

Our Church's Mission

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