



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

Welcome to Worship! | April 19 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

***Praise Song** *Be Glad*

arr. Cody Carnes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession

God of Love, we come before you aware of how easily we slip into the patterns of this world. We confess that we often go through the motions, offering you fragments of our lives instead of our whole selves. We hold back—our time, our attention, our trust—choosing comfort, approval, or distraction over wholehearted devotion to you. We admit that we are shaped more by the voices around us than by your Spirit within us. We chase what is easy, familiar, or praised by others instead of seeking what is good, pleasing, and whole in your sight. Forgive us for resisting the deep transformation you desire for us. Forgive us for clinging to old habits of thinking that limit your work in us. Re-new our minds. Re-shape our desires. Re-form our lives so that we may discern your will and live it with courage and joy. By your grace, help us to offer our whole selves to you—not reluctantly, but as a living act of worship. Make us new from the inside out, that our lives might reflect your love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Praise Song** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

arr. Austin Stone Worship

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-18 (MSG)

Second Lesson Mark 4: 1-9 (NRSVUE)

Sermon *Good Soil*

Jen Phelps

Presentation and Commissioning of the Confirmands

***Affirmation of Faith**

God is everlasting, and Jesus is our Savior. God is the same spirit who made the stars in the universe, the heavens, and the earth but decided that we needed to be in this world as well. We believe that there is no greater place to recognize God and to exemplify his love for us than when serving others. We believe that we all have different callings but we are all called to encourage each other. God is there to give us confidence. When we fall down, God is there to pick us up again, and again, and again. Prayer creates a space for us to talk to God about what we're thankful for, what we feel worried about, and ways we can be better. We believe that God forgives us for our sins and loves us all equally. No matter what.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Joel Raney

When the world grows dark around you, there's a way to make things right. Just reach out and help a neighbor. Reach down deep in your heart and turn on the light.

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

No more walkin' in darkness. I'm gonna let it shine. There'll be no more walkin' in darkness. I'm gonna let it shine. No more walkin' in darkness. I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

***Doxology 606**

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

***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 *Be Glad* arr. Cody Carnes

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Youth Ministries, Jen Phelps
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Contemporary Music Director, Camille Hartley

Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Contemporary Worship Team
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox

Our Mission

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