



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

Welcome to Worship! | March 17, 2024 | 5th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude *Rockingham Old*

Robert Buckley Farlee

Welcome

Introit *For Everyone Born*

Arr. Tom Trenney

***Call to Worship**

Christ has called us together to worship today.

The invitation stretches far and wide:

from wilderness and wandering, from loneliness and longing,

all have a place at the table.

The feast is ready and waiting:

there is more than enough truth to go around,

joy is ours for the taking, and peace is poured out in abundance.

Our every need has been anticipated. Taste and see that God is good!

***Hymn 182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your patience is more than we deserve, for our priorities are so often confused. You invite us to your table of life and love, and rather than running toward it, we hesitate. We consult our calendars and weigh our options. We consider who else might be in attendance, or we question whether we really belong. Forgive us, God, for not always knowing what is best for us, and forgive us when we know, but still choose otherwise. Show us once again what faithfulness looks like. (Silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 215** *What Wondrous Love Is This?* (v 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 23

Second Lesson Luke 14:15-24

Sermon *Table Talk: Excuses*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Lux Aeterna*

Dan Forrest

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of Thy saints forever:
for Thou art merciful. Let perpetual light shine on them.*

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 769** *For Everyone Born*

***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 *Psalm XX*

Benedetto Marcello

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Liturgist, Hugh Caison
Director of Music/Clarinetist, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director/Soloist, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Adult Choir
Soloist, Steve Hassmer
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Virginia Hager

Our Mission

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