



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

Welcome to Worship! | September 20, 2026 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We are a community of faith that has been knit together by the love of God.

**We are the people who have been set free by Christ's sacrificial love
and are therefore called to reach out**

Beyond our worship service, wherever and whenever we are,

**to be present with the sojourners in our midst and in other lands,
people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.**

We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise and magnify God.

**We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming
work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to all we meet.**

***Hymn 300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and loving God, we confess that we have not followed your call to offer hospitality to others, even when we have so much to give. We have lacked the courage to invite and include, while instead choosing to withhold and exclude. Help us to see the needs of others and respond. We want to be your present people, to give and also be comfortable with receiving. To show up in both the times of grief and joy. Today, we aspire to care for one another, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***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 1 Corinthians 1:2-10

Second Lesson Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Sermon *Our Purpose: Care for One Another*

Rev. Parker Lucas

***Hymn 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

***Affirmation of Faith** written by Rex A.E. Hunt

We are a cloth of diverse colours made from many gifts and graces.

We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for, essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum. Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum. Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis. Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men. The heavenly bread ends all symbols. Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish. The poor, poor, and humble servant. The poor, poor, and humble servant.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

***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 *Gigue*

Douglas Wagner

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Vocal Duet: Caitlin Andrews & Ian Olsen
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Scott Murray

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