



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | June 19, 2022

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

GATHERING

Prelude *This is My Father's World*

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome
CNC Update

Kathy Denlinger

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We welcome one another in Jesus' name,

People: for Christ is truly present among us.

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

People: the mercies of God never come to an end.

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free.

People: Now we live by the Spirit of God.

Gathering Prayer

***Hymn No. 370** *This is My Father's World*

Anthem *It is Well with My Soul*

arr. David Harrington

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and love, we confess that we have failed to love you as we should with all our heart, soul and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often we ignore your commandments and stray from your way, following other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response No. 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

***Blessing the Youth**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

People: And also with you.

WORD

Scripture Reading: Job 14:19

Sermon: *"When Water is Stronger than Stone; a Story of Redemption"*

Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley

***Hymn No. 418** *Softly and Tenderly*

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *House of the Lord*

Phil Wickham

*There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise*

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn *How Great is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

Vs The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice
Chorus How great is our God. Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God
Vs And age to age He stands and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one. Father Spirit Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb
Chorus How great is our God. Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God
Bridge Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God
Chorus How great is our God. Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

*Blessing

*Dismissal

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

Postlude *House of the Lord (chorus)*

Phil Wickham

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Worship Leaders

Interim Head Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley
Liturgist, Kathy Denlinger
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Bryan Hughes

Organist, Sara Bryant
Praise Band Leader, Chelsea Kimbrough
Praise Band
Men's Acapella Choir

When Water is Stronger Than Stone

St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, North Carolina
Sunday 19 June 2022 Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley, interim Pastor

“...as water wears away stones...” Job 14:19

A teaching testimony of God’s providence and sovereignty.

Providence – ‘pro+video’, to see ahead of time; **Sovereignty** – highest, supreme.

PART 1: THE STORY

“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

PART 2: PRINCIPLES ILLUSTRATING GOD’S PROVIDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY

1. **The principle of the providence and sovereignty of God in family placement. Psalm 68:6** - *“God sets the lonely in families, ...”*

Q: Where can you discern God’s hand in placing you in your family of origin?

2. **The principle of the providence and sovereignty of God in our witness for him. 1 Corinthians 3:6**– *“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”*

Q: In what ways can you discern your role in the lives of others bearing witness to Jesus in your life – planting seed, or watering or? Think of some examples.

3. **The principle of the providence and sovereignty of God in timing. Acts 16:6-10** - *“Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”*

Q: With whom do you sense it isn’t/is the right time to share Christ?

Ask the Holy Spirit to sharpen your inner sensitivity to his ‘right timing.’

4. **The principle of the providence and sovereignty of God in prayer. Romans 8:26-27** – *“The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”*

Q: Will you begin daily to ask the Holy Spirit to use you in the ministry of prayer, and be open to the kinds of prayer described above? () Yes () No

5. The principle of the providence and sovereignty of God and stone hearts. Ezekiel

36:26 – *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”*

Q: Do you have a heart of stone but long for heart of flesh? Tell Him.

Q: Who do you know who has a heart of stone toward God? List and pray.

Remember:

1. NOTHING is impossible with God: Luke 18:26-27

“Who then can be saved?’ Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with men is possible with God.’”

2. NO ONE is beyond the reach of God: Isaiah 59:1

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save...”

3. NOTHING in our own story is beyond God using it: He wastes nothing.

Romans 8:28 – *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, for those who have been called according to his purpose.”*

Q: Where in your own story do you need to see the providence and sovereignty of God? _____

MONDAY MORNING

Each day this week spend some time with this outline – let the Holy Spirit speak to you in and through it, answering the questions, spending time in prayer.

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