



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

Welcome to Worship! | September 14, 2025 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Gather Us In*

Maureen Howell

Welcome

Moment for Mission

Dottie Playforth

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

Bless the Lord!

Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals your disease, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

***Hymn 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

(Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

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, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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 Psalm 103:1-18

Second Lesson Matthew 6:7-13

Sermon *Pray This Way: Our Father in Heaven*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Like a River In My Soul*

arr. Dan Forrest

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the
waves bring you home, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies,
just remember, once again, you shall rise!

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** *The Lord's Prayer*

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***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *Scherzo from Sonata in A, Op. 2, No. 2*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Worship Leaders

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

Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

The children who received Bibles this morning at 9:00 a.m. are: Hobbs Bisette, Andrew Hurd,
David Lanier, Mac Lathan, Cora Lee Lockamy, Delilah Pullis, and Hampton Thompson.

Our Mission

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