



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | September 24, 2023 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Allegretto from Sonata IV (Op. 65)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

We will reach out to others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

May our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

Prayer of Confession

God of generosity, so often we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that everyone is in need of your lavish grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

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***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Blessing of the Chimes

Anthem *Prayer*

Arnold B. Sherman

WORD

First Lesson *Psalm 145:1-8*

Second Lesson *Matthew 20:1-16*

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

***Hymn 36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors; he made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

***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. Go in peace!

Postlude *Processional in D*

David Johnson

Worship Leaders

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

Adult Handbell Choir
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Scott Murray

Our Church's Mission

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