



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

Welcome to Worship! | September 8th, 2024 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 5*

Josef Rheinberger

Welcome

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship**

Let us trust in the Lord,
who made heaven and earth;
Let us trust in the Lord,
who loves every part of it.
Let us trust in the Lord,
who cares for those in need;
Let us trust in the Lord,
who leads us to do the same.
Let us worship God,
who shows us the way.

***Hymn 301** *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)*
(Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 146

Second Lesson James 2:1-17

Sermon *Faith That Works: Showing Mercy*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 771** *What Is the World Like*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Good!*

Gale Jones Murphy

Our God is merciful; slow to anger. Our God is powerful, God cannot fail. Our God is wonderful and perfect in all ways, but most of all, the Lord is good. God is rest for the weary, defender for the weak, God's salvation, righteousness, hope, joy and peace! Hallelujah! You are everything we need. The Lord is good!

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

***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 *Toccata-Sortie*

Auguste Larriu

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Liturgist, Steve Miller
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Virginia Hager

Our Mission

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