



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | September 3, 2023 | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *Andante Tranquillo*

Peter Warlock

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

Praise the Lord!

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Praise the Lord!

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

Praise the Lord! We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Prayer of Confession

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love.

Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend.

God, have mercy upon us, and help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again with your love and with your grace, O God. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

People: **And also with you.**

WORD

First Lesson *Romans 12:9-21*

Second Lesson *Exodus 3:1-15*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sermon *Holy Ground and Holy Living*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 405** *Praise God for This Holy Ground*

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Look at the World*

John Rutter

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Table of our Lord. The distribution of the elements will be shared by intinction, the dipping of bread into a common cup. The congregation will receive communion using the center aisle. Please return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available if preferred.)

***Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table of Grace (v. 3 and v. 4)*

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup Together

Communion Music *Communion I*

Alexandre Guilmant

Closing Prayer

SENDING

***Hymn 693** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

***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 *Praeludium in F (BuxWV 145)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

