



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | October 1, 2023 | World Communion Sunday

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Give Me Jesus*

Mark Hayes arr. Douglas Wagner

Welcome

Introit *African Alleluia*

Cathy Moglebust

***Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

***Hymn 399** *God Welcomes All* (Sing three times.)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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 *Philippians 2:1-13*

Second Lesson *Luke 22:19-23*

Sermon *Community Matters: Table Manners*

Jen Phelps

***Hymn 498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

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

Offertory *For Everyone Born*

Arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that's fair, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

***Choral Invitation 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (verse 2)*

Choir sings first time, all sing second time.

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup Together

Communion Music *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Charles Callahan

Closing Prayer

SENDING

***Hymn 769** *For Everyone Born (verses 1 and 5)*

***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 *Improvisation on Deo Gracias (Agincourt Hymn)*

John L. Miller

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Director of Youth Ministries, Jen Phelps
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Pianist, Steve Lowry

Adult Bells
Adult Choir
Percussion; Pat Litzinger, Chelsea Kimbrough,
and Sara Johnson
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Carol Query

Our Church's Mission

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