



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

**Welcome to Worship! | July 6, 2025 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Simple Gifts*

John G. Barr

**Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

**In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.**

Here, with these people, we find our true home

**where we can run home laughing, after being lost for so long.**

Here, we embody the promises made so long ago

**of the One who repairs all our mistakes, of the One who reshapes our brokenness.**

### **\*Hymn** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

**1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask him to tell me if He were here: Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, Tell them to me.**

**2 First let me hear how the children Stood round his knee, And I shall fancy his blessing Resting on me; Words full of kindness, Deeds full of grace, All in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

**3 Into the city I'd follow The children's band, Waving a branch of the palm tree High in my hand; One of his heralds, Yes, I would sing Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God, you have connected your children together through your teachings and word. We confess that we have not done our best in opening our senses or hearts to them. Forgive us for letting the musings of our world obstruct us from listening to and learning from the stories you told. Your stories are windows into how we are called to live together and serve one another in this broken world. May our hearts and minds be open to the stories of others, so that we can remain connected through your movement in the lives of your children. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

**\*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** Judges 9:7-15

**Second Lesson** Matthew 13:10-17

**Sermon** *The Stories We Tell Ourselves*

Rev. Parker Lucas

**\*Hymn 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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

**THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

arr. David Schwoebel

**Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**COMMUNION**

*(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will come up the center aisle and return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)*

**\*Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table* (v. 2 Peace)

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving Communion Together**

**Communion Music** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

arr. Lowell Mason

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn 394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**\*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** *Allegro Maestoso from Organ Sonata No. 2, Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas  
Organist, Sara Bryant

Pianist, Steve Lowry  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Lil Conley

**Our Mission**

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