



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

Welcome to Worship! | February 4, 2024 | 5th Sunday After the Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Adolphus Hailstork

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Open your hearts to God's love this day.

Praise be to God who has called us here.

Let God's words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

Place your hope and trust in God.

With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually provides for us.

God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Praise be to God who has called us here.

Thanks be to God for God's eternal love.

***Hymn 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation. 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 40: 1-5, 9-11

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

Second Lesson Ephesians 4:1-3

Sermon *Living a Worthy Life*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

*Hymn 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

arr. Eric Nelson

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious master and my God, assist me to Proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me. Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ! Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

*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 of Peace* (v. 2 only)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Jeremy J. Bankson

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*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 *Prelude in C*

Johann Krebs

Worship Leaders

Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Liturgist, Rev. Steve Hein
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organists, Sara Bryant and Randy Warner
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Carol Query

Our Mission

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