



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

Welcome to Worship! | September 15, 2024 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The heavens shout of God's glory!

There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God!

*Hymn 24 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Wise, knowing God, you see our hearts so clearly. You speak to our lives so profoundly. And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead. Even as we praise you with our mouths, we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others with tongues of vicious fire. Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears. Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip. Forgive us for our willful ignorance of the joy and gift you offer in your law of love. Help us live in your love and walk in your truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God. In Christ's name, we pray. 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.

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member Award

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 19

Second Lesson James 3:1-12

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sermon *Faith That Works: Words Matter*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

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

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *The Heavens Are Telling* from The Creation

Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 625** *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

***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 *A Festive Trumpet Tune*

Douglas E. Wagner

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Liturgist, Thomas Bissette
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Adult Choir
Soloists: Steve Lowry, Anita Lowry, Ian Olsen
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Scott Murray

Our Mission

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