



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | July 9, 2023 | Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Cantilène Religieuse*

Théodore Dubois

Welcome

Moment for Mission

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

***Call to Worship**

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy

Jesus will give us rest

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

Christ will give us peace

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus

For our Savior will give us rest in our souls

Come, let us worship our God

Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

You are invited to come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering as we sing together.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, source of hope, you have come to us to bear the burdens of this broken world, and you promise to meet us in the parched places of our own lives. Now we come to you, seeking relief from all we continue to carry, seeking refreshment and renewal and rest for the work ahead. And yet, we are so occupied with our own weariness, we confess that we miss the wonder of your promise and the call to participate in your work. We have failed to bear the burdens of others, we have ignored the deep needs that surround us, we have denied the truths you reveal to your people. Forgive us, we pray. Have mercy upon us, as we bring to you in silence all that weighs upon us.... Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Kendra Buckwalter Smith

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

People: **And also with you.**

WORD

First reading *Psalms 145:8-14*

Second reading *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

Sermon *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prayers of the People

Sung Response 851 *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.

The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Do Lord Remember Me*

arr. Susan Sylvester

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

***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 *Praeludium und Fuga X*

Johann Kasper Ferdinand Fischer

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Soloist, Matthew McDonald

Bell Quartet
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
College Intern, John Henderson
Lay Reader, Virginia Hager

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Lynn Warner and all the VBS volunteers for such a wonderful week of VBS for all the
children, and especially for our grandchildren, Henry and Austin.**