



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

**Welcome to Worship! | August 17, 2025 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Arioso*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Impact Story**

**\*Call to Worship<sup>†</sup>**

René Sasser

Rejoice in the Lord always.

**Joyfully present, we are here!**

**For God is generous and we are grateful.**

I will say it again: Rejoice! The Lord is near.

**Joyfully present, prayerfully connected, we are here!**

**To partner with God and put love into action.**

Let us worship God with joy!

**\*Hymn 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Parker Lucas

**Prayer of Confession<sup>†</sup>**

Remembering your generosity prompts us to be generous like you and to practice generosity with you for the sake of the world. Remembering your generosity is vital in this covenant relationship. When we forget, we become distant, less likely to spend time with you; less likely to see the goodness in the day and be grateful for it; less likely to trust your generosity; and less likely to show kindness to your people and your creation. Trusting in your mercy, together we silently confess. (Silent confession) Holy God, forgive us. Help us remember to rejoice always, pray continually, and remain gratefully alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, and in the world; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response**

*(Sung to the tune "Hymn to Joy")*

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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<sup>†</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Philippians 4:4-9

**Second Lesson** Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon** *Risky Generosity*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**\*Hymn 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

David Hoff

## THANKSGIVING

### **Offering**

**Offertory** *Footsteps*

arr. Craig Courtney

I see his footsteps in the way, and follow them through the darkest night. Unafraid, I stumble not, in the glow of perfect light, I see. I walk in the footsteps of his love, and find his light leads on before. Then he gently turns to me, softly whispers, "trust me more." I walk, I walk. Then as I follow in his way, my path ahead will brightly shine. For in his path of guiding light, I find his footsteps first, then mine.

**\*Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**<sup>‡</sup>

**Generous God, over and over and over again, you bestow your gifts upon us. You drop them into our lives, then our hearts overflow in gladness, and—like ripples in a tidal pool—we respond by spreading our time, our talent, and our treasures outward. Through our offering, may we, like you, be the pebble that begins the ripple; through our prayers, may we, with you, be the water that carries it onward; and through our actions, may we, for you, be the vessel that spreads your love, now and forever more. Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*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** *Toccata*

Douglas E. Wagner

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant  
Adult Choir  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Brian Lanier

<sup>†</sup>Liturgy written by Randy Warner

<sup>‡</sup>Adapted from the writing of Karl B. Travis in *God's Gift of Generosity: Gratitude Beyond Stewardship*

<sup>‡</sup>Prayer of Dedication written by the Capital Campaign Prayer Team

## **Our Mission**

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