



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

Welcome to Worship! | August 4, 2024 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Andante in F Major*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

*Call to Worship

O God, you sing us a love song every time we gather.

Every time the bread is broken.

Every time the cup is blessed.

O God, sing to us again.

Let our lives blossom in your love.

Till the whole world knows your love song.

*Hymn 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient and persistent God, your love for us is everlasting and gentle. We need reminders of your uplifting grace because so often we stumble. We hold on to old patterns even when they weave tension and disagreement. We blindly push our own way and wonder why others lag behind. The short-term good we try to do can create long-term problems. Some days, nothing seems to go right. Let your patient and persistent love hold us tenderly so we may learn to wait for your whisper and follow your pathway. Ease our white-knuckled grip on having to be in charge, and take our hand and lead us in the way of peace. In the name of Jesus. 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 John 16:4-18

Second Lesson Matthew 13:10-17

Sermon *Lagniappe, Stories and the Spirit*

Rev. Dr. Jerry Bron

***Hymn 462** *I Love to Tell the Story*

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Be Still*

arr. Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed. Come unto me, my child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain and I always will remain your comforter and friend. Peace I leave with you; my peace, I give unto you.

***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 Grace* (v3)

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

***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*

Johann Gottfried Walther

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jerry Bron
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist, Sara Bryant

Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

Our Mission

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