



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | August 20, 2023 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Cathedral Voluntary*

Charles Callahan

Welcome

Video

Cindy Litzinger

***Introit Hymn 641** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified (v1, v2)*

v1 Choir When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!

v2 All How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as
worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

***Call to Worship** *(Psalms 96 and 98, composite)*

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,

let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

***Gathering Prayer**

Video

Josie Harrington

***Hymn 134** *Joy to the World (v1, v2)*

vS 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

vS 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

***Please stand as you are able**

Prayer of Confession

Life-giving God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise you for your faithful love, always guiding and strengthening us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Video

Sarah Johnson

*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.

Video

Gail Richardson

*Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

Lectern Side This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Piano Side Hide it under a bushel? "No!" I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? "No!" I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All Let it shine in Wilmington, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine in Wilmington, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Video

Matt Hilliard

Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision (v1, v2, v3)*

v1 Lectern Side Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

v2 Piano Side Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

v3 All Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

WORD

First Reading *Psalm 150*

Hymn 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (Psalm 150) (v1, v3)*

v1 Choir Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

v3 All Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

Second Reading *Luke 15:11-24*

Meditation *The God of Second Chances*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

Video

Louise Gorham

***Hymn 465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v1, v2)*

v1 Lectern Side What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

v2 Piano Side Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Let All the World In Every Corner Sing*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The heav'ns are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

Video

Jim Fox

***Hymn 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

v1 Choir I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain - All Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

v2 Lectern Side I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain - All

v3 Piano Side I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain - All

***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 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Charles V. Stanford, setting by Richard Proulx

Worship Leaders

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