



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

Welcome to Worship! | March 15, 2026 | 4th Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

John Hebden Schaffner

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Parker Lucas

God loves the field mouse.

**God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,  
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

So let us worship this good-news God!

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn 372** *O for a World*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, the simplest of your commands is the hardest for us to hear. You said, "love your enemy." Forgive us for not loving. You told us to "turn the other cheek." Forgive us, Lord, for not seeking peace. You exclaimed to us to "Care for the widow and the orphan." Forgive us for not acknowledging others' struggles and for not seeking to support them. For each command you gave, you led by example through the way you lived, loved, acknowledged, cared for, and taught. So open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to your call to us, with hope for a better tomorrow, we listen and pray in silence!

**Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession**

**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.**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORD

**Baptism** Leo James Miller and Beau Jordan Miller, sons of Mara and Corey Miller  
**Apostles' Creed** (hymnal, p. 35)  
**Hymn** *See This Wonder in the Making* (back page of hymnal)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Matthew 19:13-15

**Second Lesson** Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (CEB)

**Sermon** *The good news is...radical welcome*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**\*Hymn 315** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

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

## THANKSGIVING

### **Offering**

**Offertory** *Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name*

arr. Dennard

Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
I'm so glad that trouble don't last always. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
I'm so glad that I got my religion in time. O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

**\*Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**\*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** *Fantasia*

Johann Krebs

## **Worship Leaders**

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

Organist, Sara Bryant  
Adult Choir  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Lisa Bohbrink

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in honor of our beautifully renovated sanctuary and with gratitude for the sanctuary team, staff, contractors, craftsmen, capital campaign donors, volunteers, and ALL who made this day of dedication and celebration possible.

†Adapted from Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

## **Our Mission**

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

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