

HYMN 792 There is a Balm in Gilead AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
(stanzas 1,2)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr., Mark Hayes

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Margaret Davis PIANIST: Kim McClain
LITURGIST: Pam Knox SONG LEADER: Rich Reaves

CHURCH STAFF

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Covenant PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Athens, Georgia September 26, 2021
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



18th Sunday after Pentecost

ENTER TO WORSHIP: *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Acts 2:42-47*

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr., Craig Curry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 108
Leader: O God, our hearts are steadfast. Let us sing and make melody.

All: Awake, our souls!
Leader: We give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.

All: We will sing praises to you among the nations.
Leader: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.
Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN 819 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION			CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS			Prayers of the People		
Leader: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Leader: Let us pray:								
Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (time for silent confession) Lord in your mercy, hear us. Amen.								
ASSURANCE OF PARDON								
INTERLUDE 2224			<i>Make Us One</i>			Carol Cymbala		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING			Luke 5: 17-26					
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN								
INTERLUDE								
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING			Acts 9: 36-43					
PROCLAMATION			<i>The Resilience of Holy Community</i>			Margaret Davis		

OFFERING		
OFFERTORY HYMN	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	arr., Phillip Keveren
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
<i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i>		
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