

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Athens, Georgia

October 03, 2021

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

10:00am Worship Service

Liturgical color: white

World Communion Sunday



19th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

PREPARATION

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

arr., Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

One: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

All: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

One: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ:

All: and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. So, we are ambassadors of Christ sent into a sinful world.

HYMN 401 (stanzas 1&3) GTG

Here in This Place
Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reconciliation. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 26

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

MUSICAL INTERLUDE 2036 (Sing the Faith)

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Henry Smith

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Prayers of the People

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

PROCLAMATION

"The God of All the World"

Glenn Doak

MUSICAL REFLECTION

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNION HYMN 507 (GTG stanzas 1,4&5)

Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 2226 (Sing the Faith)

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Amen.

HYMN 2087 (Sing the Faith)
(stanzas 1-4)

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

Twilla Paris

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 422 (GTG)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

CREATE IN ME

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