

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

*"...God of light, **hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

Give Thanks

H. Smith

OFFERTORY

*PRAISE HYMN 822
(verse 2)

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,

we belong to God; we belong to God.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 80

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field

will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands

while you go out with joy.

*POSTLUDE

How Great is Our God

arr. C. Tornquist

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PIANIST: Pam Knox

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Jim Newland



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*Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605*

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. H. Leonard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Kum Ba Yah* arr. Michael Larkin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

God is our shelter and our shade.

We will sing to the God of our salvation!

*HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to follow you on the path of faith and holy wisdom.

We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure.

We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

Forgive us. Transform our foolishness into faithfulness and enable us

to walk with you, so that we may be part of your work in the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 2) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 1: 18-31

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" MC KEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of

a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful

men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world

discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to

serve the purpose of God's love.