

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation* John A. Behnke

*Congregation join in on refrain:*

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?**

\*PRAISE HYMN 822 "When We Are Living" SOMOS DEL SENOR

(verse 2)

**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 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" GREEN TYLER

\*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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr., Joel Rainey

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\* denotes standing as able.

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*Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1065 Gaines School Road  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green      4th Sunday after Epiphany      11:00am Worship

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION      *God Who Made the Earth and Heaven*      arr., Patricia Lou Harris

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY      *Glorify Thy Name*      arr., Mark Hayes

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are:

**the poor in spirit, those who mourn, and the meek.**

We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed;

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted.**

Beloved and blessed children, let us worship God!

\*HYMN 19      "God of Great and God of Small"      GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we fail to do what is right.**

**Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth.**

**Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you.**

**Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do**

**what you call good. In Christ's 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      Micah 6: 1-8

GOSPEL READING      Matthew 5: 1-12

PROCLAMATION      Dana Waters

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*HYMN 730      "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *Adapted from Romans 8*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;**

**for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,**

**who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,**

**nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from**

**the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**