

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

PRAYERS OF THE PROPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING *Jesus* arr., Daniel Meyer

*PRAISE HYMN 710 "We Lift Our Voices" OFFERING
**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;
we are an offering.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 324 "For All the Faithful Women" NYLAND

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" RANDOLPH
(Verse 1) **God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE *I've Got Peace Like A River* arr., Mary Ellen Kerrick

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ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

* denotes standing as able.
LITURGIST: Warren Combs



Third SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

3rd Sunday of Lent

11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

Lord, I Need You

arr., Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

setting by John Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

Even in the deserts of our lives,

God is among us.

Come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, friend of all, once again we come to you knowing
our words have stung, our actions have harmed,
and our indifference has let evil have its day.**

**Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you,
yet we do not imitate you in our lives.**

We scorn those who are different from us and relish our own comfort.

**Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water,
that we might tell the world all you have done for us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

SARADAY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17: 1-7

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-42

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK