

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including concerns and celebrations*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*To a Wild Rose*

Edward MacDowell

\*PRAISE HYMN 2251 “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

(verse 3)

OUIMETTE

**Glory be to our creator, glory be to Christ, the Son;  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one.  
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen!**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 600

“Amen”

AMEN

*There will be a called congregational meeting immediately following worship today*

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Hymn numbers 2000 + in the small hymnals, *Sing the Faith*

PIANIST: Connor Austell

LITURGIST: Ansley Tweedell

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister



*April 23, 2023*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*1065 Gaines School Road*

*Athens, Georgia 30605*

# Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE      3rd Sunday of Easter      11:00am Worship

## GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Kocher,  
arr., Mary Ellen Kerrick

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Like the Gentle Rain*

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
We hear the voice of Jesus:  
**our hearts burn within us.**  
We lift our voices to God  
**and call on the name of the Lord!**  
The risen Christ is here in this place:  
**Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

CALL TO CONFESSION  
*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?”**  
**And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.”**  
**Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits,**  
**cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us.**  
**Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward**  
**and help us return, once again, to you. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE HYMN 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

HALLE, HALLE

*Refrain:* **Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 3: 1-19

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

\*HYMN 838

“Standing on the Promises”

PROMISES