

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including concerns and celebrations

OFFERING

O Lamb of God, Innocent

J.S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 675
(verse 4)

**"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

TALLIS CANON

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 295
(verse 2)

"Go to the World"

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POSTLUDE

Jesus is All the World to Me

W. Thompson/arr., M. Kim

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Hymn numbers 2000 + in the small hymnals, *Sing the Faith*
PIANIST: Connor Austell
ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

* denotes standing as able.
LITURGIST: Jim Newland

IN HIM
WE LIVE
AND MOVE
AND HAVE
OUR BEING.
-ACTS 17:28

May 14, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE 6th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *God of Ages, History's Maker* arr. Faye López

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *It Is Good to Praise the Lord* Joseph M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God gathers us here.
**We have been tested, we have suffered,
but God has brought us through.**
Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!
**We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.**
Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN 14 “ For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments.
**We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love
through our actions and our inaction.**
**We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe
that we are truly your children, made in your image.**
**Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful
that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.**
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 587 “ALLELUIA!” CELTIC ALLELUIA
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 14: 15-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17: 22-31

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” EBENEZER