

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

RECOGNITION of HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sydney Braswell, McKenzie Redish

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including concerns and celebrations

OFFERING

These I Lay Down

John Bell, arr., John Carter

*PRAISE HYMN 675 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”
(verse 4) **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 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 295
(verse 3)

“Go to the World”

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POSTLUDE

We’re Marching to Zion

Robert Lowry, arr., Joel Rainey

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* denotes standing as able.

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

PIANIST: Connor Austell

LITURGIST: Jerry Shannon

May 21, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, GA 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE 7th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Worship

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *When We All Get to Heaven* Emily Wilson,
arr., Mary Ellen Kerrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Cornerstone* J. Myrin, R. Morgan,
E. Liljero, E. Mote, arr., Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Clap your hands, all people!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For God rules over earth and heaven.
Sing our psalms of praise!
God has gone up with a shout;
let us make a joyful noise to God!

*HYMN 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, and within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and always. 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

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1: 15-23

GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 44-53

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA