

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

From My Heart I Hold You Dear, O Lord

J. S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 708

“We Give Three but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

*SENDING HYMN 540

“Farewell, Good Friends!”

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

*POSTLUDE

Sarabande in D Minor

G. F. Handel

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* denotes standing as able.

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

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PIANIST: Connor Austell

LITURGIST: Warren Combs



June 11, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Fantasia* Tomas de Santa Maria

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr., Joel Rainey

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it.
Let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

*HYMN 664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain timid and silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 583	“Glory to God”	GLORY (Taize)
	Glory to God, glory to God,	
	glory in the highest!	
	Glory to God, glory to God,	
	alleluia, alleluia!	

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 12: 1-9
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 16: 21-28
PROCLAMATION	<i>A Religion for Losers</i> Ron Gilreath
*HYMN 839	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” ASSURANCE