

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

Lord of the Dance

arr., Mark Hayes

*PRAISE HYMN 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 350

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us” ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

arr., Carter-Enyi

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PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby



Wheat Fields with Reaper, Auvers, Vincent van Gogh 1890

July 23, 2023
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Ga 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Jesus Is All the World to Me* arr., Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr., Larry Shackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We come. We wait.
We long. We hope.
We suffer. We pray.
We rejoice. We sing.
We know we are children of God.
We wait for Christ to set all things right.

*HYMN 192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining” SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best.
There is much we would hide from you— the ways we harm your
creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we
should turn toward.
Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our
actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GLORY TO GOD
(singing twice) (verse 1) **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPSITLE READING Romans 8: 12-25

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West” MC KEE