

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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*

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

OFFERING

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr., Marianne Kim

*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 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

*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

Reprise of Hymn to Joy

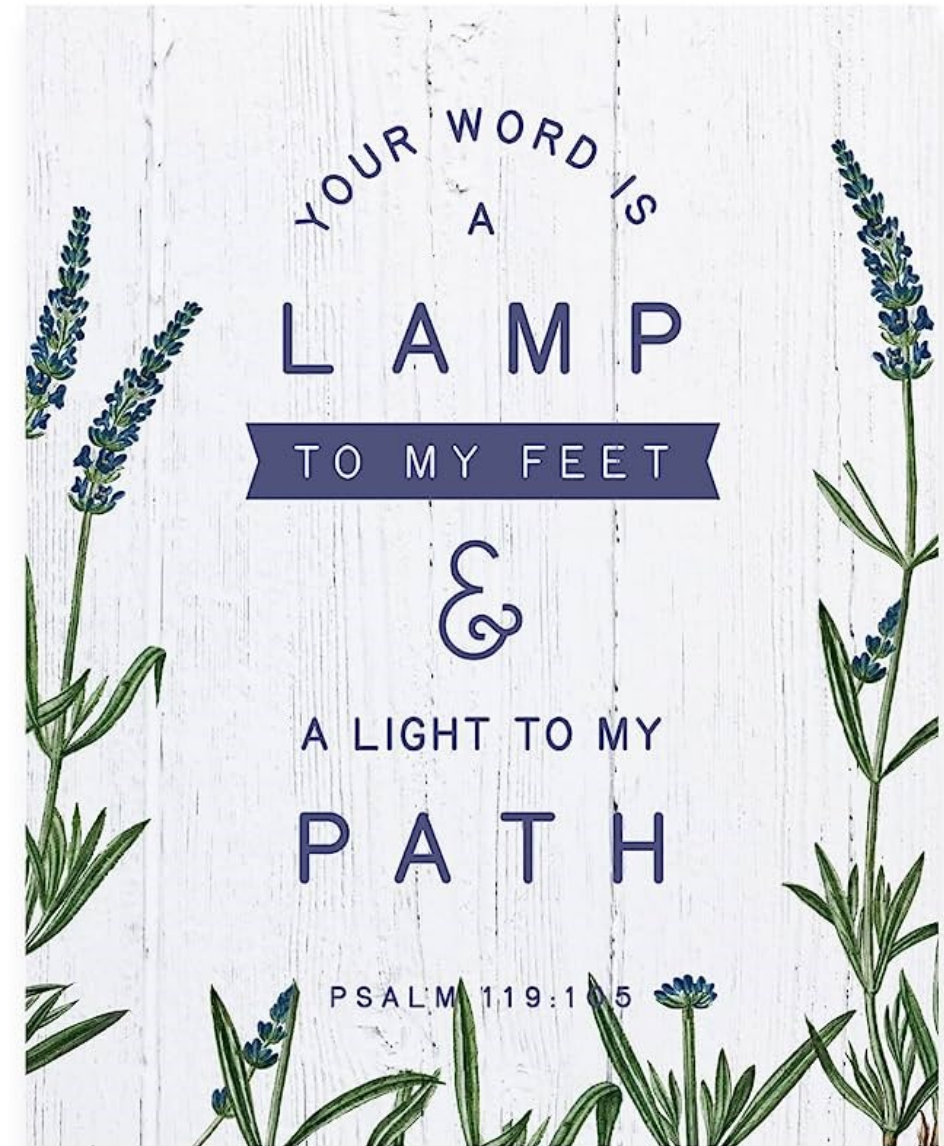
arr., Rainey/Carter-Enyi

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PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney



July 09, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN July 9, 2023 10:00am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Abide With Me* arr., Joshua Evanovich

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Hymn to Joy* arr., Joel Rainey

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary,
and I will give you rest.”
All of us know what it is like to be weary.
All of us carry heavy burdens.
Let us accept Christ’s invitation.
We long to rest in 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
**Faithful One, despite our best efforts,
we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.
Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm.
Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away.
We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.
Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GLORY TO GOD
(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

PSALM READING Psalm 119: 105—112

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 25: 19-34

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 475 “Come, Thou Fount” NETTLETON