

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah

chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage. Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

Amen! Kum Ba Ya

arr., Robert Vandall

*PRAISE HYMN 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

(verse 1)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days;

let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel Schutte

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and
sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go,
Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

arr., Robert Vandall

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* denotes standing as able.

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VOCALISTS: Linda Rogers, Pam Knox

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Bruce Lancaster

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Aaron Carter-Enyi



August 20, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

August 20, 2023

11:00am Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr., Larry Shackley,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.

**God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.
God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!**

*HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

**We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—
and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.**

But before you, God, we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.

**Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live
a Christlike life. 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

EPISTEL READING

2 Corinthians 8: 1-11

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 25-37

PROCLAMATION

Are You Still Coming Over?

Rev. Dr. Bruce Lancaster

*HYMN 300

“We Are One in The Spirit”

Peter Scholtes