

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### OFFERING

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Matheson/Miner

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EURCHARISTIC PRAYER, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Let All Things Now Living*

arr., Krug

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 853

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

Garcia Grindal

(singing twice) **We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Siyahamba*

South African Hymn

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\* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax, John Knox, keyboard,

Abby Horvath, drums, Bill Rigsby, bass

GUEST MUSICIANS: Anna Murphy, voice, viola, ukelele, Will Norman, guitar



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*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*1065 Gaines School Road*

*Athens, Georgia 30605*

# Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN    WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY    11:00am Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION    *I Cannot Tell Why He, Whom Angels Worship*    Londonerry Air

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY    *Jerusalem*    Hubert Parry

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather from the west to east,  
From the south to the north,  
**To celebrate the God of peace**  
**Who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**  
This God of peace accompanies us  
in each and every circumstance around us.  
**We praise God’s name! Amen!**

\*HYMN 340    “This Is My Song “    FINLANDIA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us siblings and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE HYMN 586    “Alleluia”    ALLELUIA 7  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleulia.**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING    John 6: 24-35

PROCLAMATION    Rev. Will Norman

\*HYMN 401    “Here in this Place”    GATHER US IN