

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

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 *Remember Me* Courtney/Red/Ingram

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Rankin/Tomer
(verse 1 and refrain) (see insert)

*POSTLUDE

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PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney
ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Aaron Carter-Enyi SOLOIST: Brandon Foskey
HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Donny Whitehead, sax, John Knox, keyboard, Abby Horvath, drums



September 03, 2023
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE

HOLY COMMUNION

11:00am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

Day by Day

Ahnfelt/Buckwalter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Before the Throne of God Above

Chartie Lee Bancroft

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us each by name
as we gather on holy ground.

**We come to this place,
seeking to know the great I AM.**

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, sometimes it seems too hard:
deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives?
Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.
We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.
Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.
Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
and lead us in your ways of peace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 581

“Gloria Patri”

Trad liturgical Text

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12: 9-21

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 27-38

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

African American Spiritual