

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr., Marianne Kim

*DOXOLOGY 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 840 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Rankin/Tomer

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet again, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

Great Is The Lord

Phillip Keveren



The Red Vineyard 1888

Vincent Van Gogh

September 24, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

September 24, 2023

11:00am Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

As The Deer

Phillip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF HYMNALS TO FIRST GRADERS

VOLUNTARY

In Christ Alone

S. Townend

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We will sing to God and bless God’s name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

We will declare God’s mighty acts

and celebrate God’s abundant goodness.

Let us worship, singing of God’s righteousness.

*HYMN 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace.

We believe ourselves more deserving than others.

We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive,

instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.

Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce.

Forgive the double standards we hold.

Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace,

and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20: 1-16

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3: 1-10

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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