

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

*"...Holy God, **hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

*The Lord is My Light*

Czechoslovakian hymn tune  
(17th century)

\*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 313

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

African American Spiritual

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

**Amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Imela! (We Thank You)*

Carter-Enyi

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\* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Aaron Carter-Enyi

GUEST MUSICIANS: Tosinger, voice Bayo Bello, steel pan David Aina, keyboards Odyke Nzewi, percussion  
Nat Condit-Schultz, guitar

PRAISE BAND: Quintina Carter-Enyi, vocals John Knox, keyboard Bill Rigsby, bass



*Olomouc Mission Sunday  
October 29, 2023  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1065 Gaines School Road  
Athen, GA 30605*

# Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN    OLOMOUC MISSION SUNDAY    11:00am  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION                      *African Praise Medley*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY                      *Imela! (We Thank You)*                      arr., Quintina & Aaron Carter-Enyi

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,  
for all are welcome in God’s house.  
**Here in our worship, there is only acceptance,  
for love is the language of faith.**  
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,  
for God dwells in each of us.  
**Come, let us worship in unity and love!**

\*HYMN 37                      “Let All Things Now Living”                      ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION  
*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of all nations, your commandments are so simple:  
To love you, love our neighbors, love ourselves.  
Yet we cannot always muster that love.  
Love for you seems too abstract and distant.  
Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.  
Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.  
If there is anyone who can help us love, it is you.  
Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example,  
and help us learn from you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING                      Matthew 26: 26-29

EPISTLE READING                      Galatians 6: 1-6

SHARING HOLY STORIES                      Joan Prittie, Valerie Stone

\*HYMN 187                      “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”                      BRADBURY