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arr., Michael Glasgow

\*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 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African American Spiritual

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE 1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation arr., Carol Tor	
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# COVENANT at Worship

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

	DRSHIP FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE	: 
Liturgical Color: Gre	een 24th Sunday after Pentecost	11:00am Worship
	GATHER IN GOD'S NAME	
PREPARATION	I've Got Peace Like a River	arr., Sandra Eithu
WELCOME & AN	INOUNCEMENTS	
VOLUNTARY	Come Find His Rest	Courtney/Forres
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# **EXAMINING OUR LIVES**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, Forgive us when our hearts become calloused to the poor.

Forgive us for averting our eyes, closing our ears and ignoring those who need our help.

Forgive us when we forget the stranger, refuse to feed the hungry, or neglect the poor child.

Put within us Your spirit of compassion so we might meet the needs of the poor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RESPONSE HYMN 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" HALLE, HALLE Refrain: Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6: 8

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 34-40

# SHARING HOLY STORIES

Bert Ballard-Myer, *Chair of Mission & Outreach Team* Andie Bisceglia, *Campus Kitchen Coordinator, UGA Campus Kitchen & UGArden* Madison Sanders, *Executive Director, Family Promise of Athens* 

\*HYMN 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Peter Scholtes

# **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

We rejoice in the abundance of your creation, the lavish generosity of the water flowing in dry places, the green plants that spring up out of the ground for food.

#### Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We rejoice in the gift of your son, Jesus, whom you anointed to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and sight to the blind.

#### Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We rejoice in the coming of your Holy Spirit, who guides us, inspires us, and will not let us see rest while there is hunger in your world.

# Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We have hope today because of your promises that hunger and thirst will be no more, and that your banquet table has room for all.

# We look to the day when all will be fed.

We have hope today because Jesus taught us a new way to love and serve one another.

#### We look to the day when all will be fed.

We have hope today because of those whose faithful persistence has delivered change.

#### We look to the day when all will be fed.

Gracious God, who called the prophets to act in your name, and equipped them to deliver your message of justice,

#### may we be your hands and feet on earth.

Gracious God, whose spirit inspires your people in every generation to live out the Gospel in our own time,

# may we be your hands and feet on earth.

Today we rejoice. We hope. We act. And we dedicate ourselves and everything we do to you, God of all.

Amen.