



*January 21, 2024*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green

January 21, 2024

11:00am Worship

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

*Shout to the Lord*

arr., Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Heaven Shall Not Wait (773)*

Bell/Maule

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

From God comes our salvation.

**For God alone our souls wait in silence.**

God alone is our rock and our salvation.

**God is our fortress; we shall never be shaken.**

**\*HYMN 157**

**"I Danced in the Morning"**

**LORD OF THE DANCE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.**

**You call, but we do not listen;**

**you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,**

**that we might show mercy to others.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 14-20

PSALM READING

Psalm 62

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

\*HYMN 626

"As the Deer"

Martin J. Nystrom

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING HYMN 519

*You Are My All in All*

JERNIGAN

\*DOXOLOGY "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 835

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

CLOSER WALK

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 748

*"Go With Us, Lord"*

TALLIS' CANNON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

\*POSTLUDE

*How Great Is Our God*

arr., Marianne Kim

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Bill Rigsby, bass Abby Horvath, drums

\* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Ansley Land