

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



*March 17, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ga 30605
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

March 17, 2024

11:00am Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (HYMN 833)

arr., Miner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Down to the River to Pray

arr., Sheldon Curry

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world.

*HYMN 610

"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought.
We have strayed from your commandments.
Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 434 "Restore In Us, O God" BAYLOR
**Restore in us, O God the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31: 31-34

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21: 23-32

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

Largo from Sonata No 3

Telemann

*DOXOLOGY 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 541 "God Be With You Until We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

(verse 1) **God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold
you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (reprise)

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

ADULT CHOIR

Winnie Mburu, flute

Kay Read, recorder

PRAISE BAND Anna Murphy, voice, ukulele, viola

Donny Whitehead, saxophone

Nderitu Kiragu, guitar

Abby Horvath, drums

Rich Kimmich, congas