



April 14, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Ga 30605

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

April 14, 2024

11:00am Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be God's children.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through Jesus Christ.

Fear and doubt are gone.

Joy and delight resound in our hearts.

Come, let us raise our voices in song.

We offer our hearts and minds to God in prayer and praise.

*HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous One, we confess that we are stunned by the miracles of new life and forgiveness you offer.

When our awe turns to disbelief, renew us with your joy.

When our fear turns to rejection, lead us into your presence.

When our stumbling leads to sin, forgive us by your grace.

When we are troubled, come and stand among us and give us your peace.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 591	"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"	HALLE, HALLE
<i>Refrain:</i>	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

I John 3: 1-7

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 36b-48

PROCLAMATION

"Children of God"

Rev. Ron Gilreath

*HYMN 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

African American Spiritual

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.26

Life in Christ is life eternal.

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

African American Spiritual

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

DANISH AMEN

**A-men, A-men.
A-men, a-men, a-men.**

*POSTLUDE

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ADULT CHOIR

MORE THAN FOUR QUARTET: Jim Anderson, Betsy Burmeister, Kathryn Fowler,
Rich Reaves, and Linda Rogers

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby