



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

World Communion Sunday/ 19th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Look at the World

John Rutter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this mountain, the prophet says, God will prepare a feast for all peoples.

A feast where sorrow is lifted, tears are wiped away, and death itself is swallowed up.

Jesus says, "Come, for everything is ready."

So we come from many places, with many stories, many hungers, many hopes.

Across nations and cultures, languages and traditions, Christ gathers one beloved people around one table.

There is room here. There is grace enough here. There is a place for us here.

Come, let us rejoice in the God who gathers the nations and prepares a feast of life.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 340**

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) **God of abundant grace, you prepare a feast for all peoples and call us to share your joy, yet we confess how easily we live as though grace were scarce. We become absorbed in our own concerns and fail to notice your invitation. We build tables for people who resemble us, understand us, or make us comfortable. We allow fear, prejudice, busyness, and self-interest to narrow the circle of our compassion. We forget that every place we have in your household is itself a gift. Forgive us, gracious God. Free us from whatever keeps us at a distance from the life you offer. Widen our hearts beyond the boundaries we have inherited or created. Teach us to receive your mercy with humility and to extend that mercy with joy, until our lives bear witness to the great feast of your kingdom, where strangers become companions and all your children are gathered in. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.** [*Silent prayers of confession*]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

God does not close the door when we have wandered away. Christ still calls us to the feast.

There is mercy for the weary, welcome for the wandering, and room enough in the household of God.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"** GLORY TO GOD

- 1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**
- 2. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 639) Isaiah 25: 6-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 954) Luke 14: 15-24

PROCLAMATION

Still There Is Room

Rev. Tom Buchanan

***HYMN**

"Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

What A Wonderful World

Thiele/arr., Aaron Carter-Enyi

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853 "We are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.

*POSTLUDE

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ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR: David Aina ADULT CHOIR

Jason Roberts, bass Donnie Lindsey, drums

COMMUNION PRESENTERS: William & Rose Kisaalita, David Aina

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea