

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

*It Is Well With My Soul*

arr., Phillip Keveren

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  
**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 730      “I Sing a Song of the Saints”      GRAND ISLE  
(verse 1) **I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

\*POSTLUDE

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\* denotes standing as able.  
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*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
*1065 Gaines School Road*  
*Athens, Ga 30605*

# Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN 10:00am Worship

Holy Communion  
Summer Saints: Walt Whitman  
4th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

### PREPARATION

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *I Surrender All* arr., Phillip Keveren

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* *Adapted from “Song of Myself,” Sect. 48*  
Why should I wish to see God better than this day?  
**I see something of God each hour of the twenty-four, and each moment then,**  
In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass,  
**I find letters from God dropt in the street, and every one is sign’d by God’s name;**  
And so, reveling in an ever-present divine embrace,  
**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*  
**Gracious and Holy God, you have created a world full of wonder, a humanity woven with sacred diversity, yet we confess that we do not always see your image in those who differ from us. We draw circles too small, excluding those whose voices unsettle our comfort, whose truths we do not understand, whose loves we have not learned to bless. You call us to be part of the great song of creation – each life a verse, each story sacred – but we confess how often we silence others and fail to contribute our own with courage. Forgive us, O God, for the walls we build and the fears we feed. Unstop our ears to the “long dumb voices” still crying for justice. Loosen our tongues to sing of your wide mercy. Make us bold companions in your unfolding story, until all may find their place, and all may be held in your boundless grace. In the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, we pray.**  
*(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*  
*Adapted from “Song of Myself,” Sect. 50*

Do you see O my brothers and sisters?  
**It is not chaos or death—it is form, union, plan—it is eternal life—it is Happiness.**  
My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, this Plan made manifest, we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN 591 “Halle, Halle Hallelujah!” HALLE, HALLE  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 131  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3: 23-28

PROCLAMATION *America’s Great Singer* Rev. Tom Buchanan  
*(Summer Saints: Walt Whitman)*

\*HYMN 346 “For the Healing of the Nations” ST. THOMAS (Wade)