

GIFT PRESENTATIONPhilip James

REMARKSBob Henderson

***INVITATION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

Katherine: In the gift of community, nurtured with love and
challenged with care,

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Serenity: In the recognition that we are all your children,
called together for your purpose,

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Courtney: In vision beyond ourselves and enduring
commitment to the kingdom of God across
Charlotte and the world,

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Mary Kate: In the gift of discernment and through all the
ways we have been invited to grow in heart, soul,
and mind,

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Grace: In the faith, wisdom, and grace that will steady
this community and send us all into the days
ahead with abiding hope,

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

For I KnowR. Muchow

For I know the plans I have for you

Declares the Lord

Plans to prosper you not to harm you

Plans to give you hope and a future



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

Given to the glory of God in recognition of Bob
Henderson's 38 years of ministry, including 18 years at
Covenant, and with gratitude for Bob, Suzanne, and
their family by Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

Everyone is invited to a celebratory lunch served in the
Welcome Center immediately following the program.

Seating is available under the tent on the green, in
the Welcome Center, and in Fellowship Hall. Drink
stations are located in the Welcome Center lobby and
under the tent. Bob, Suzanne, and their family look
forward to celebrating with you and sharing this special
time together.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit
Audio-induction hearing loops
are installed for use with hearing aids.



To the Greater Glory of God

A CELEBRATION OF THE
MINISTRY AND RETIREMENT OF

Bob Henderson



Sunday, September 13, 2026

12:20 p.m.

SANCTUARY

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

*Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community
that gladly invites all people into a transformational
experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel;
bravely works toward a whole and just world;
and passionately nurtures discipleship.*

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Welcome to Covenant. We are glad you are here. Snacks and waters are available in the Narthex. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare (ages 0-5 years) is offered in the Education Wing until 1:15 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

All the Way Led (Deuteronomy 8:2)..... E. Jang

I was walking blind with a tired heart
Countin' crumbs in the dark for a start
Didn't know why the road felt long
Just knew I had to keep moving on
Some days I prayed with a shaking voice
Some days I waited with no choice
Looking back I can see it now
You were teaching my soul somehow
In the dry place You kept me near
In the long night You drew me here
What I call delay You called form
What I called lost You called strong
And thou shalt remember all the way
Which the Lord thy God led thee
These forty years in the wilderness
To humble you, to prove you
To know what was in Your heart
Whether you would keep His commandments or not
You led me through, You held me close
You shall remember all the way
I saw the hand in the empty room
I saw the seed and the lifted tomb
Lessons came slow like autumn rain
Hard enough to leave a mark and change
I wanted answers before the dawn
You gave me grace to carry on
Now every scar tells a truer story
Of mercy hidden under glory
I understand it better now far side of the valley
You were faithful when I could not see,
You were steady while I was heavy
I came through lean, I came through low,
Still you kept the light in the road
Now I bow with a grateful mind,
All my days were held in time
Old roads, new grace, same faithful face
And I did not know, but I know now
You were there all the way

~Worship Team~

O Happy Day..... P. Doddridge & E. Hawkins

~Worship Team~

PROGRAM

WELCOME John McAlister

OPENING PRAYER..... Kim Spivey

Leader: Gracious God, we gather today with hearts full of gratitude for our friend and pastor Bob Henderson. We confess that our gratitude is tinged with some sadness and trepidation as we move into a chapter without Bob's daily presence, care, and leadership. But we trust in your abiding love for him and for this church.

All: We give thanks for the good that has been and the good yet to come.

Leader: Today though, we celebrate with great joy Bob's ministry and immeasurable impact on our community of faith, our Charlotte community and communities around the world.

All: We give thanks for the good that has been and the good yet to come.

Leader: God, please wrap your arms around Bob and Suzanne and their beloved family as they embrace new rhythms. Pour blessings over their adventures, their endeavors, and their quiet times together.

All: We give thanks for the good that has been and the good yet to come.

Leader: For all these things—our joy, our sadness, our deep thanks and our hope—in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

We Are One Body D. Scallion

We are one body, one body in Christ;
and we do not stand alone.
We are one body, one body in Christ;
and he came that we might have life.
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
I am the Final Sacrifice,
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Believe in me, have eternal life.

~Covenant Choir & Worship Team~

REMARKS

Scott Overcarsh

Alice Blalock

Ali and Will Summerville

Julia Watkins

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Oh, How Good It Is arr. J. Spacht

Oh how good it is, when the family of God dwells together in Spirit, in faith and unity where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruit of his presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord and with one heart we'll live out his word til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come for he dwells in the presence of his people. Oh how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging. Oh how good it is to embrace his command, to prefer one another forgive as he forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

~Covenant Choir & Worship Team~

REMARKS

Ann Ayers

Hugh McColl

Will Henderson