### **COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, August 28, 2016

Worship 11:00am

+ All who are able may stand

Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.

## **Preparing Ourselves**

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: Shout for joy to God, our source of strength

P: Shout out to the God of Jacob

L: Sing and song and play the tambourine

P: For songs are like prayers set to music

L: We worship God with music and praise

P: With our hearts and souls we show God our love and devotion

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: For thousands of years you have called to us, O God, speaking to our hearts with your gracious love and care. Enter our hearts today and prepare us to worship you, to feel your presence and know your peace. Hear us now as we pray together the prayer that Christ taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn of Praise

Sing a New Song to the Lord

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Call to Reconciliation

Sin is a word we don't want to hear; we don't want to think of ourselves as sinful.

And yet if we deny our transgressions we lie to ourselves and those around us and miss opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us therefore pray together the prayer of confession:

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and mercy, we cannot seem to help ourselves, for it seems that the harder we try to live into your way the more we fall short. We often make judgements of others to make ourselves seem less sinful; we blame others for their own troubles: their addictions, their poverty, their sicknesses; but deny our own sinfulness when we are the ones in trouble. Forgive us, O God, for giving ourselves a break when we won't have compassion on others; help us to live into the teachings of Jesus and showing his compassion our encounters with others. (moment of silence.)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

We are sinful human beings but in Christ we find forgiveness and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(please turn to someone near you and offer them the forgiveness of Christ.)

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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### Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.

#### Anthem

After the anthem Children may leave for Sunday school.

## **Hearing God's Word**

### Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts and minds today, God of wisdom, that we may hear the word you have for us today. May we be inspired by your word to be the people you call us to be in the world today. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hymn Spirit #319

Second Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

# **Responding With Thanks and Praise**

Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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 the peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for a new heaven and a new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Service of Giving	Prayer of Dedication	Musical Offering
+Response of Praise	Glory Be to the Father	#577

Joys and Concerns of the People of God Prayers of the People

# **Going Forth to Love and Serve**

+Sending Hymn Called As Partners in Christ's Service #343

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude