

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 2, 2016

Worship 11:00am

## World Communion Sunday

*+ 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: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**P: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

L: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**P: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

L: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**P: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!**

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

+Hymn of Praise

*Gather Us In*

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## Call to Reconciliation

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, *at this table*, and *for this table*, and send us *from this table* as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. (Moment of Silence)**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. (*Please offer the forgiveness of Christ to your neighbor.*)

## Response of Praise

*Come and Fill Our Hearts (2x)*

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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

Unto the Hills

Martin

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.**

First Reading                      2 Timothy 1:1-14

Hymn                                      *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*                      #367

Second Reading                      Luke 17:5-10

Sermon      *One Bread, One Cup, One Baptism, One Faith*      Rev. Sharon Carter

## Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith                      *Adapted from the Belhar Confession*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Service of Giving      Prayer of Dedication                      Musical Offering

+Response of Praise                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      #578

Celebration of Holy Communion      See insert

## Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn                      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*                      #514

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude

# Celebration of Holy Communion

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is truly right...

...Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts. (2x)***

***The whole world is full of your glory. (3x)***

***Holy is the Lord!***

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People

### Prayer after Communion

L: Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today.

Women: *By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come.*

**Men: *By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom.***

**All: At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**