

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, September 4, 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 From *ministrymatters.com*, UMC

L: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

P: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

P: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

P: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer From *ministrymatters.com*, UMC

Let us pray: **Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. We pray this in Jesus' name, and pray also the prayer he taught: *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.***

Call to Reconciliation

Let us open ourselves before God and one another, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, as we pray together the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Gracious God, you have shown us how to be your people in the world, by loving others, seeking justice, and loving you above all else. But we are have not followed the pattern of life you created for us: we turn away from those who suffer and mourn; we judge those who protest against injustice to be ‘offensive’; and we make idols of the things of this world. Have mercy on us and forgive our self-serving practices and our incomplete devotion to you and the kingdom you envision.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news that is ours through the grace of God in Jesus Christ: we are forgiven, all of us, as we forgive. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Please turn to someone near you and offer 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

A Time for Children and Families

When children are present, they and their parents may come forward to hear a special message.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Grant us peace of heart and mind, God of wisdom, that we might hear your word and understand its meaning for our lives today. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Hymn *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* STF2004

Second Reading Luke 14:25-33

Sermon *Costly Discipleship* Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed p.14

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 *Song of Hope (2x)* #432

+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude