

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 26, 2017

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 Psalm 99*

L: The Lord is our King! Let us be in awe of God's glory!

P: The Lord is great! Let us praise God's holy name!

L: For God loves justice and has established fairness in the kingdom of God.

P: In Christ God brings righteousness and grace to all people.

L: Let us worship God with our heart, mind and spirit;

L: Let us praise God's holy name!

+Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer-

Let us pray: **We are in awe of your glory, O God, that was witnessed by Moses and our ancestors on the mountain. We are in awe of Jesus Christ, who took on your glory also on the mountain. May we recognize your glory wherever it presents itself to us and may we share the wonder of you to our neighbors and friends. We pray this to you in the name of Christ Jesus, who taught us also to pray: *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

When Morning Guilds the Skies

#487

Call to Reconciliation

We are but imperfect human beings, created by God as good but fallen short of God's intention for our existence. Let us admit our errors and seek God's grace; let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you come to us in the thin places and touch our lives with mountain top experiences, where we may meet Jesus Christ for ourselves. But we want to stay on the mountain instead of returning to everyday life, life in which we face the needs of our families, friends, and neighbors—needs that may bring us sorrow, worry and pain. Forgive us for wanting to keep stay in the wonder of your glory and help us learn to draw strength from our time with you, that we may use that strength to care for those in need. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Thanks be to God we live under grace and are forgiven for our imperfections and our errant ways. In gratitude to God for grace we learn to live as holy people, bringing light and grace to others. Let us rejoice, for this is good news! Amen.

P: We rejoice in the good news of forgiveness! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts (2x)

STF2157

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Courtney

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Hear our prayer, O Lord, as we prepare to hear your word and meditate on its meaning; through it may we find you within your word and feel your loving presence among us. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* STF2103

Second Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)* p. 14

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication** **Musical Offering**

+Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: Loving God, we offer to you the concerns of our church, our community and the world (prayers and a moment of silence are shared.)

All: We thank you, O God, for loving us and caring for us in our times of joy and of sorrow. May we continue to feel your loving kindness through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our homes, our communities and the world. Amen.

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #369

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude