

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, March 19, 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**

L: Let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving! Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

L: For God is great! God created the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.

**P: God created the seas and the lands, people and all living creatures.**

L: We give thanks to God for God is good!

**P: We praise God's holy name forever!**

**+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer**

Almighty God, all that we see, touch, hear, smell, and taste are gifts from you. All of our neighbors, our friends and loved ones and even our enemies are created by you. May we find blessing in the wonder of your creation as we worship you today, as well as in the stories of your people and of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear us as we pray this prayer and also as we pray 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**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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## Call to Reconciliation

When we try to hide from you, gracious God, we are like the psalmist who feels your hand heavy upon his conscience. With open hearts let us no longer hide, but make our confessions of sin before God and one another:

## Prayer of Confession

**God of ultimate love, you created us and the world we live in and called it all good. But we turned away at the first opportunity—away from Eden, away from innocence, away from you. Yet you continue to seek us, to heal us and creation by showing us how to live by loving others and you as you love us. Forgive us, O God, for turning away; help us to learn the lessons of our ancestors, softening our hearts towards you and all of your creation, that we might heal it and be healed ourselves. (moment of silence.)**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Even though we fall short of God's intention for our lives, God never forgets us or leaves us alone. Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## 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

We Are More Than Conquerors

Hayes

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Give us ears to hear your word, God of wisdom and truth, and give us hearts to live into your teaching, that we might bring the good news of your love and grace to all the world. Amen.**

First Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	
Hymn	<i>O God of Earth and Altar</i>	#291
Gospel Reading	John 4:5-29, 39-42	
Sermon	<i>What is It About Water?</i>	Rev. Sharon Carter

## **Responding With Thanks and Praise**

The Service of Giving	<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>	<b>Musical Offering</b>
+Response of Praise	<i>Give Thanks</i>	STF2036

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.**

**Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, Prayer after Communion**

## **Going Forth to Love and Serve**

+Sending Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	#281
+The Charge and Benediction		
+ The Postlude		