

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, March 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*

L: We are blind to many things.

P: Lord, cure our blindness.

L: The light of God shines for us today.

P: Lord, pour that light on us.

L: Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

P: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray: **Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying: *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

He Has Made Me Glad (2x)

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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*

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy today and forevermore. (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

Let Me Hide Myself in Thee

Courtney

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Enlighten us through the hearing of your holy word, O God, that we might learn from you how to live in the light. Amen.

First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymn

Amazing Grace

#280

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication**

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

Give Thanks

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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

Let Us Be Bread

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+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude

**Liturgy from the Ministry Matters website*