COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 2, 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 (Joanna Bailey)
All: Praise be to the God and Father of us all.
L: Creating God
P: You breathed life into us at birth.
L: Forgiving God
P: You have provided a way for redemption.
L: Indwelling God
P: You have given us your spirit which brings us life and peace.
L: Everlasting God
P: You evergence doeth and give us have for stornal life with you

P: You overcome death and give us hope for eternal life with you. All: Praise be to the God and Father of us all.

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above With wisdom, pow'r and love- Our God is an awesome God! 2x Our God is an awesome God, Our God is an awesome God!

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: You are awesome, O God, and we bring all praise and honor to you this day. Grant to us the will to truly worship you in body, mind and spirit today and always. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us also to say: 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

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

Forgiving God, you created us to live full and abundant lives; yet sometimes we feel dead inside. We struggle to feel your presence and understand your will for our lives and our world. We try to enliven ourselves with dangerous behavior rather than finding you through serving others. Have mercy upon us, O God, and bring us back to life through your word and your spirit. (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	STF2157
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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

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Traditional

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Enliven us with your word, God of wisdom, that we may know your ways and live by them always. Amen.

Responding With Thanks and Praise			
Sermon	Rev. Sharon Carter		
Gospel Reading	John 11:1-45		
Hymn	What Wondrous Love is This?	#85	
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14		

The Service of Giving Prayer of Dedication Musical Offering

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+Response of Praise Give Thanks

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 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #417 +The Charge and Benediction + The Postlude