

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**Worship 11:00am**

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*+ All who are able may stand*

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

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## **Preparing Ourselves**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: We bring our worship of praise and thanksgiving to God, for God is always with us.

**P: We seek God joyfully, for God shows us the path of life.**

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

Let us pray: **Gracious God, you are always with us, loving us and showing**

**us the way. Grant us the courage and endurance to follow you all of our days, loving and worshipping you with our heart, mind, soul and strength.**

**We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

*The Summons*

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## 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

L: Gracious and loving God, you have shown us what is important to you

**P: We must do justice, be kind, and walk beside you all of our days.**

L: But we have fallen short of your desire for human life by standing by while the poor suffer and the oppressed cry out for justice

**P: We put ourselves first and forget to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

L: Have mercy on us, O God, and remind us what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ

**P: Help us to do as Christ taught us, by loving and healing our world with mercy, compassion and grace. (moment of silence.)**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! We are now a people of grace and forgiveness.

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

Response of Praise    *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain, 2x)*                      #106

## 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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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.**

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| First Reading  | I Peter 1:3-9                           |      |
| Hymn           | <i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> | #466 |
| Second Reading | John 20:19-31                           |      |
| Sermon         | Rev. Sharon Carter                      |      |

## Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *based on Acts 2:22-32*

**Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to by God with deeds of power, wonders and signs that God did through him among his people; he was handed over to his people as God knew would happen and was crucified and killed by the Romans. He died and was buried, laid in the tomb. But he was raised by God and was freed from death and made Lord over all people forevermore.**

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| The Service of Giving | Prayer of Dedication          | Musical Offering |
| +Response of Praise   | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | #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

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| +Sending Hymn               | <i>At the Font We Start Our Journey</i> | STF2114 |
| +The Charge and Benediction |   |         |
| + The Postlude              |   |         |