

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 14, 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 *based on Isaiah 55:1-3 (from re:Worship.blogspot.com)*

L: Come to the water, all you who thirst—

P: come drink deeply from the river of life.

L: Come to the water, all you who are weary—

P: come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

L: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—

P: come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

All: For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let's worship God together.

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

Let us pray: **In the beginning, before creation, your Spirit was over the waters O God. Your creation depends on water for life; we are nourished, cleansed, and renewed by the water of life. In our worship today may we remember the waters of creation and the ways water is a part of our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together: *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

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: God of grace and purity, since the time of creation all life has depended on water, for cleanliness and nourishment.

P: You have entrusted water and life to our care.

L: But we take water for granted; we turn on the tap and there it is;

P: we think nothing of wasting it, polluting it, and making it unusable for ourselves and our neighbors.

L: Forgive us, O God, for neglecting our job as stewards of water. Remind us of your love for us with every encounter we have with water.

P: Empower us to work with those who don't have access to clean water, and to work for clean water for all of your good creation.

Assurance of Forgiveness *from the Font*

L: Through the waters of baptism, the same baptism that our risen Lord underwent, we are cleansed and made whole.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain, 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

Shout With Joy To God

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of the waters, as we ponder your creation and use of water for our living bodies, may our eyes and hearts be opened and may we be reminded of our call to be stewards of the waters of life.

First Reading	Genesis 1:1-10	
Hymn	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	#554
Second Reading	John 7:37-39, John 4:7-15	
Sermon	Water is Life	Rev. Sharon Carter
Presentation	Nicaragua Water Ministry	Bill Lindsay
Symbolic Action		

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *Ps. 104:10-13, NRSV*

#giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From [God's] lofty abode [God] waters the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of [God's] work.

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 Intercession

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples* #434
+The Charge and Benediction
+ The Postlude