

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 21, 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: Give blessings to God everyone!

P: Let us praise God's name together!

L: We are tested and tried, but God never lets us fall.

P: We are burdened and harassed, but God brings us through all trials.

L: Let us sing praises to our gracious Lord!

P: And bless God's holy name forever.

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

Let us pray: **Almighty God, in our worship today may we feel your presence and know that you are with us always. Give us hearts to worship you and voices to praise you for creating us, knowing us and loving us always. 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

Thine is the Glory

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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: Creating God, you made the earth and all that is in it, including human beings, and called us good.

P: Loving God, you have shown us what it means to live out that goodness, by doing justice, loving kindness and walking with you always.

L: Patient God, even though we know what is good, it is sometimes hard for us to follow your way. We ignore truth and believe lies; we demonize the poor and oppressed, while focusing on our own suffering.

P: God of mercy, forgive us. God of grace, redeem us. God of love, bring us hope. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness *from the Font*

L: We are people of the living God, Jesus Christ, who cleanses and renews us by the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: 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

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Through the reading and hearing of your word, O God, may we find your love, your hope and your grace. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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Second Reading

John 14:15-22

Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *from the Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate [human beings] from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication**

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

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+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude