

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 7, 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 Psalm 23*

L: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing else I need.

P: God gives me a soft place to lie at night and leads me to places of calm, so that my soul is renewed.

L: God leads me in the good way, that I might bring glory to God.

P: Even on my darkest days, when trouble and death are near, the Lord is with me; I am comforted by God's protecting presence.

L: God gives me good things to show my adversaries that I am protected; I am grateful for God's presence.

P: I believe that kindness and compassion will be with me as I live in God's love forever.

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

Let us pray: **We praise you, o God, for you are our shepherd, caring for us and leading us in your way. May our worship today be pleasing to you and may it help guide us on your path. 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

As the Deer (2x)

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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: God of goodness and mercy, you give us shelter from the storm and protection from evil.

P: But sometimes we turn from you, forgetting what you ask of us in return.

L: We must feed the poor, seek justice for the oppressed, visit the sick and follow the way of Jesus.

P: Forgive us when we do forget; strengthen our resolve to be your people in the world, loving you greatly and our neighbors as ourselves.

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

Devotion

Beck

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom and grace, open our hearts and minds that we may hear your words today as a sheep hears the voice of its shepherd. Amen.

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #171

Second Reading

John 10:1-10

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.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 (repeat)

The whole earth is full of his glory (repeat twice)

Holy is the Lord.

Great is...: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosannah!

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+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude