

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, July 16, 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: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Let us all delight in the presence of the Lord!

P: Let us feel God's hand on our heart.

L: For God loves us and we love God

P: We will glorify God and live as God's people.

+Hymn of Praise

Morning Has Broken

#469

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

Let us pray: **Almighty God, we are here to worship in your Spirit and to praise your holy name. Give to us open and tender hearts in which your word may be take root and grow. We come to you 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.**

Prayer from MinistryMatters.com

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

Gracious and merciful God, you have shown us over and over what it means to be your people in the world: that you alone will be our God and we will be your people, keeping your commandments to love you and each other wholeheartedly. But we are broken people living in a broken world; we fear that your love will not be enough for everyone, and we try to keep it all for ourselves. We turn against those who are different, who are poor, who are strangers in our midst. Forgive us, O God, and remind us that you are a God big enough for everyone. (moment of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: We are people born of water and the Spirit, living in the forgiving love and grace of God. Thanks be to God!

P: Through the grace of God we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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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.

Special Music

On the Willows (from Godspell)

Schwartz

Hearing God's Word

Sung Prayer for Illumination *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* Insert
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Second Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* p. 14

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication** **Musical Offering**

Response of Thanks and Praise *Gloria Patri* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: God of possibilities, we share our joys and concerns with you that we might feel connected to you. Hear now these prayers of ourselves, our community and the world...(moment of silence)...Amen.

L: As we offer our prayers to you, O God, may we do with grateful and open hearts.

P: Thank you for hearing and answering our prayers, O Lord; may knowing that you hear us give us strength for our lightest and darkest days. Amen.

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *Song of Hope* #432

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude

Go forth to Love and Serve the Lord



*Then the disciples came and asked him,
"Why do you speak to them in parables?"
-Matthew 13:10*