

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

(859) 331-3238

Sunday, July 23, 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: Because we believe that you are always with us, O Lord

P: We praise you, O God.

L: Because you know where we go and what we do,

P: We praise you, O God.

L: Because we feel your love at our best times and our worst,

P: We praise you, O God.

L: Glory be to you who is with us always!

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

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

Let us pray: **Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves; you are always near. Make us aware of your presence that we might come to know you as well as you know us. Hear the prayers that we offer 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.***

stf

+Hymn of Praise

Gather Us In

STF2236

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

God of mercy and forgiveness, you have given us a Spirit of adoption into your family, that we might live as your children and receive the abundant life you have promised. But fear overtakes us and keeps us from living as your people; we are afraid of helping the poor and oppressed in case we are tricked; we see only scarcity instead of the richness of life in you. Have mercy on us, O God; remove our fears and convince us that we belong to you always. Help us to recognize that in you there is enough for everyone; that we might show others how to live abundantly as well. (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

STF2157

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

O Lord, My God, You Know All My Ways

Anji Hurt

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

Second Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

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 *Christ Beside Me* STF2166

+The Charge and Benediction
+ The Postlude

Go forth to Love and Serve the Lord



*And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where, then, did these weeds come from?'*
-Matthew 13:27