

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, July 9, 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: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

P: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The Lord is good to all,

P: And his compassion is over all that he has made.

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, o Lord,

P: And all your faithful shall bless you.

+Hymn of Praise

Lord God, Almighty

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

Let us pray: **Lord of love and mercy, we come to you this day, at the beginning of the summer season. This should be a time of relaxation and restoration, but our spirits still carry the burdens of the year. Please give to us your healing love. Strengthen us. We offer our cares and our prayers 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 *Prayer from MinistryMatters.com*

Merciful and loving God, we are so grateful for your redeeming love for each one of us. We confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we don't always believe that you will take our burdens. We feel we have to always be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care, you never just let us go to drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. (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

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

He's God the Whole World In His Hands (Congregation)

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom, prepare us to hear your word today; and as we hear it, may it become a part of who we are. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 7:13-25

Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center* STF2128

Second Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422
+The Charge and Benediction
+ The Postlude

Go forth to Love and Serve the Lord

