

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called *Abba, Father*. We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing can separate us from

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the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

Response of Praise *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end amen; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #369

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

Sung Call to Worship

This is the day **This is the day**
That the Lord has made **That the Lord has**
made

We will rejoice **We will rejoice**
And be glad in it **And be glad in it**
This is the day that the Lord has made, we
will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day **This is the day that the Lord**
has made.

Opening Prayer This is the day you
have made, O Lord— a day of life in your
world with your love surrounding us. Be
present in our worship today; shower us
with your lovingkindness. Hear us as we
lift our voices in the prayer that Christ
taught us: *Our father in heaven, hal-*
lowed 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 *Sing a New Song to the Lord* STF2045

Confession and Pardon Let us pray:
Compassionate God, as your people were once
strangers in a foreign land, we find strangers in
our midst—human beings that look different
than we do and speak another dialect or
another language all together. We may fear
these strangers; but you call us to love them
not in spite of their difference but because of
it. Have mercy on us for being afraid, for
letting our fears turn us against other people
who have been created in your image just as

**The OT reading for today is the
beginning of the Moses story arc in
Exodus. Read the passage on your
own (Exodus 1:8-2:10) and reflect on
where God is working at the begin-
ning of this story— who God works
through and how. Where do we see
similarities to this story in our own
culture today?**

we are; guide us to find ways to open our
hearts and minds in welcome. (Moment of
silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Praise Come and Fill Our Hearts
Come and Fill Our Hearts with your peace, you
alone O Lord are Holy, Come and fill our hearts
with your peace, alleluia

The Peace

Special Music *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer for Illumination

Awaken us to your truth, O God, so that we
may be strengthened in our faith and
discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Romans 12:1-8 I appeal to you therefore,
brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy
and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what is the will
of God—what is good and acceptable and per-
fect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to eve-
ryone among you not to think of yourself more
highly than you ought to think, but to think
with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For
as in one body we have many members, and
not all the members have the same function,

⁵so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ, and individually we are members
one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷minis-
try, in ministering; the teacher, in teach-
ing; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the
giver, in generosity; the leader, in dili-
gence; the compassionate, in cheerful-
ness.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

Matthew 16:13-20 ¹³Now when Jesus
came into the district of Caesarea Philip-
pi, he asked his disciples, “Who do peo-
ple say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And
they said, “Some say John the Baptist,
but others Elijah, and still others Jeremi-
ah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to
them, “But who do you say that I am?”

**Who is Jesus to you? How would you
answer Jesus' question to Peter?**