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THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
November 5, 2017

+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

P: The love of the Lord endures forever.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled, and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. We pray this in the name of 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.***

+Hymn *Great is the Lord* STF2022

Call to Confession

Confession Let us pray: **God of grace and mercy, you call us to love as Christ lived— loving and healing others, putting relationship above ritual, and serving instead of being served. But we fall short of your vision and call. Have mercy on us, O God; strengthen our resolve to live as Jesus lived and love as Jesus loved. (moment of silence.)**

What is Paul reminding the Thessalonians of? Why does he need to do this? Who in your life does this remind you of and why?

make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

Response *Gloria Patri* #578

Communion Anthem *Around the Table—Hunicutt*

The Service of Holy Communion 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.

NOTES

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

**Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion**

Going into the World

+Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love* STF2223

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

Assurance of Pardon

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *Come & Fill Our Hearts* STF2157

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands/This is My Father's World—Rainey*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

You have given us your word, O God; open us to its meanings that we might hear and understand. May we come to know you and ourselves better through it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 29-20 ⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you

lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hymn *For All the Saints* #526

Matthew 23:1-12 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they

Jesus has harsh words for the Pharisees, yet he tells his listeners to listen to them and do what they teach. What is his criticism of them? Do you think it is valid?