

members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* #302

**Mark 1:21-28** They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed, ecumenical* p.14

**The Service of Giving**

## Notes

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music  
**+Response** *Gloria Patri* #577

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Let us now lift our hearts to God in prayer for the concerns of the world, the church and our lives:

L: We are your people, O God, trusting in you to hear and answer our prayers.  
**P: May our joys and sorrows find their way into your heart, O God, and may all who suffer be comforted; may all who hunger and thirst be filled and all who trust in you find peace. Amen.**

**Going into the World**

**+Hymn** *Together We Serve*  
STF2175

**+Charge**  
**+Benediction**  
**+Postlude**

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+Stand as you are able

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## Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

### +Call to Worship

L: While we are together, let us give thanks to God wholeheartedly!

**P: For God's works are righteous and honorable; through them God keeps God's promises.**

L: God is always faithful and just. We know we can trust God!

**P: Together, let us praise our God!**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Righteous and honorable God, your word is good news to the whole creation, which breathlessly awaits rebirth. May we be a part of the coming renewal by sharing the good news of your son Jesus Christ in our words and in our deeds. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: *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** *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* #481

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Good and gracious God, you have raised up prophets to show us the way; but we want to go our own way. You call us to worship and serve you, but we have our own gods. Have mercy upon us, O God, and give to us the strength to be your people in the world; teach us to be examples of your loving promise—a promise of health and wholeness for all of creation.**

**Have there been times that you have been a stumbling block to others (or when someone has been a stumbling block to you?) How can we avoid tripping up others in their walk of faith?**

(moment of silence)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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* 2x #2157

### 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** *Praise to the Lord, Alleluia* – Johnson

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of wisdom, prepare in us a place where your word may take root, that we might grow in discipleship and love. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

**I Corinthians 8:1-13** Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God

**What do you think happened to the demon when Jesus ordered it out of the man? What do you think happened to the man?**

but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against