

Hymn *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* #80

Mark 1:9-15 ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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* #577

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Notes

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. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing 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 *Song of Hope* #432

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2018

+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

Opening Hymn *Gather Us In*

STF2236

+Call to Worship

L: The Lord is good and does the right thing; he teaches the people the way they should go.

P: God guides the weak to justice, teaching them God's way.

L: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

P: Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **God of our hearts, be with us during our time of worship, giving us ears to hear your word and hearts to live your way. We pray this in the name of your son Jesus, 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.

Anthem *Lead Me Back* - Choplin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our**

In the Genesis passage, the Hebrew word is the same for both rainbow and a bow that is used as a weapon. What difference might it make to our understanding of the covenant to think of God hanging his bow-as-weapon in the sky?

neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (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 *Change My Heart, O God* STF2152

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.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

May your word be as bread to us, O Lord, nourishing us in our wilderness times and giving us strength for the holy work we have to do in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 9:8-17 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and

In Mark, the same Spirit that descends upon Jesus at his baptism drives him “immediately” into the desert. Have you ever felt the Spirit “driving” you to do something? Did you end up doing it?

every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”