

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 *Give Thanks STF2036*

Notes

Celebration of Holy Communion
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Invitation to the Table
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. **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 *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah #281*

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018

+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

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: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: We come from east and west, north and south

P: Hungry and thirsty, in search of something more.

L: This is where we will find it, the something that we are searching for;

P: This is where our journey ends and begins.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **God of everlasting love, you know our very being and we can keep nothing from your watchful eye. Open us to your presence so we may feel your Spirit among us and within us; that we might give back to you the love you have given to us. For it is for your sake and glory that we pray as Christ taught us: 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 *To God be the Glory* #485

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake**

Is it hard for you to trust that we—and others—are 'saved by faith' as a gift of God? Why?

of Jesus Christ our Savior. (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.

Anthem *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* – Townend/Shackley

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:1-10 You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are

An idol is something that is worshiped in place of God. How has John 3:16 become an idol in our Christian culture?

disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

John 3:14-21 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the