

changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**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** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #514*

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**

MISSION



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THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

March 4, 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: The heavens tell of the glory of God!

**P: The beautiful skies are evidence of what God can do.**

L: God's principles bring joy to our hearts

**P: God opens our eyes to God's commandments.**

L: Let us give thanks to God, for God is good!

**P: God's steadfast love is forever.**

## +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **In our homes and hearts you live, O God; as your church we live out your commands. Empower us with your Word and your Spirit to bring your gracious love into the world. 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** *The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise* #166 (Alternate Tune)

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **God of mercy and forgiveness, through Moses you gave your commands to your people; through Jesus you showed your people how to live into those commands. Yet we act as if we don't know what it means to be your people, to love our neighbors and seek justice for them even as we walk beside you in humility. Forgive us, O God; kindle within us the desire to give ourselves to others as you have given yourself to us. (moment of silence)**

**Who are the perishing that Paul is talking about? What does it mean that they are perishing?**

## 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.**

**Baptism** Sebastian Arthur Addison

**Response** *Baptized in Water v.3 #492*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

**Anthem** *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn 361 (Congregation to join choir on verse 5)

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**By your Spirit, gracious God, may our hearts and minds be opened as we read and hear your holy word. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

**I Corinthians 1:18-25** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of

**Why were there moneychangers in the temple? Why does Jesus disrupt their operations?**

the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Hymn** *What Wondrous Love is This* #85

**John 2:13-22** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money