

them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Hymn** *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* #144

**John 17:6-19** <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the

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world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

## Responding in Faith

**Affirmation of Faith** *from the Confession of 1967*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.**

## The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

**+Response** *Give Thanks* STF2036

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Prayers of the People**

## Going into the World

**+Hymn** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* #592

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**

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+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: Our happiness can be found in God's law and commandments

**P: Following God's law makes us joyful and fruitful**

L: For when we obey God, we are under God's protection

**P: We will rise up in God's holy place and stand with gladness and wonder at God's love for us.**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Your name has been made known to us, O God, by Jesus Christ. May we be guided in our lives, our work and our worship to heed your word and to live into the new covenant that Christ brings to us. We pray this in the name of Jesus the 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** *I Will Call Upon the Lord*  
STF2002

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Sheltering God, you offer us the protection of your law and your grace; but we chafe at what we feel are restrictions. We know that your ways will be healthy for us, but we want to go our own way even it is bad for us. Forgive us, O God, and lead us on paths of righteousness that we might rise up in your sight. (moment of silence.)**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The good news is this: In Jesus Christ

**What if we chose leadership through a casting of lots? Does that seem faithful or superstitious to you?**

we have a pattern for living that will heal our own hopelessness and repair the brokenness of the world.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Response** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Refrain only, 2x) #106*

### 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** *Oh How Happy Are They – Melodious Accord*

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**As we hear and meditate on your word, God of truth, may we find ways for living that will keep us abiding in you. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

**Acts 1:15-26** <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man acquired a field with the reward

**What does it mean to have God's protection? What is the result of that protection?**

of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for