

teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you,

‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly,

I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I

have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into

heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have

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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.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith—Symbolic Action

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

+Response

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *God Be With You Til We*

Meet Again #540

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

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Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

May 27, 2018

+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

L: I light a light in the name of the God who fosters us, who is the God from whom all creation comes;

P: Light shines in the darkness; Love flows *(candle #1 is lit)*

L: I light a light in the name of the savior who embraces us: who is the earth on which we make our bed and our home

P: Light shines on all wickedness; Love forgives *(candle #2 is lit)*

L: I light a light in the name of the spirit who encircles us: Who is the air that all creatures breathe;

P: Light shines on all sorrow; Love comforts *(candle #3 is lit)*

Adapted from Theresa Cho, "Still Waters", Trinity Sunday Interactive Prayer

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **O God, you are our creator, our redeemer, and our sustainer, the mystery of the one-in-three and three-in one who we honor and praise. Grant to us the ability to see in each other the expression of each aspect of your being that we might know you and each other more**

fully. We pray this in the name of 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.***

+Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* #138
Intro by choir, congregation with choir on verses 1-4, choir ending

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you have sent prophets to your people and yet we have not heard. Jesus Christ was risen from the dead and we still have not known your purpose. The Spirit lives among us, giving us strength

**Isaiah answers God's call by saying, "Here am I, send me!"
When have you answered God's call in that way, and how did it change you?**

and comfort, but even so we resist your ways. Have mercy upon us, O God, that we may hear and understand your call on our lives. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The good news is this: In Jesus Christ 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 *Spirit of the Living God* #322

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 *Here I Am, Lord* - Schutte

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we hear your word may we be mindful of your presence in us and in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and

What does Jesus mean when he says we must be born from above? What does 'eternal life' mean to you?

with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* #139

John 3:1-17 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a