

complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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*

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.**

Notes

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 *Called as Partners In Christ’s Service #343*

+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: God does wonderful things in the world and for us.

P: We sing joyfully of God's goodness and grace!

L: Let us praise God with instruments and voices raised in song.

P: For God is our hope and our foundation, may we always give God glory and praise.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Loving God, in you we have hope for our lives and for the world in which we live. Guide us in our worship today as we sing and pray and remember to live into the hope and love you give us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in this way: *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 *Sing a New Song to the Lord* STF 2045

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, you have established as the greatest commandment that we should love one another. But we do not heed your command fully, choosing to love who we want and turning away from those who are hard to love. Forgive us, O God, and teach us ways to love all of your children as

How do we show that we love God? What does it mean that our faith will conquer the world?

you have loved us. (moment of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: because of the faith of Jesus Christ we have a path to forgiveness. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: Thanks be to God for the grace that comes to us through Christ. Alleluia! Amen.

Song *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.

Solo by Jeff Carter

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare us to hear your word, O God, by softening our hearts and opening our minds so that we may hear and understand. Amen.

Readings

I John 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For

What does Jesus mean when he tells the disciples to abide in his love? Why does Jesus command them to love one another?

the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* #367

John 15:9-17 ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be