

arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

### Responding in Faith

#### Affirmation of Faith

L: We believe in God the creator

**P: Who made the earth and everything in it; who breathed life into the first humans and who gives life to us today.**

L: We believe in God the Christ

**P: who lived among us in human form, and whose grace redeems us.**

L: We believe in God the Holy Spirit

**P: who is the *ruach*, the wind who blows in our lives, sustaining and nurturing us as we work to live our lives in ways pleasing to God.**

**All: God is good, all the time.**

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Symbolic action

This summer we will create a timeline

#### Notes

of the history of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church. In your bulletins today you will find cutouts of a human figure. On the wall is a timeline of COF. First, on the figure write your name and what brought you to COF (or First Ludlow or First Covington); then find the approximate place on the timeline when you first came to the church and attach your figure there.

Markers, pens and tape are on the table up front.

#### The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

**+Response** *Glory Be to the Father*

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#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

#### 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: Let us get in the boat with Christ!

**P: Our boat is the church and it carries us into the world.**

L: We may be tossed about by the storms of life

**P: With Christ's help the storms will not destroy us.**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Creating, redeeming, and sustaining God, our lives are fraught with storms and we feel outside of control sometimes. During this time of worship may we find comfort and shelter with the one who even the wind obeys. 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** *Draw the Welcome Circle Wider* (insert) - from 2018 General Assembly Opening Worship

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we are your beloved, the ones you created and called good. But we continue to turn away from you and the way you would have us to be in the world. We ignore the cries of children, afraid and alone; we turn our backs on the addicted, homeless and loveless; we judge others for breaking the law when we aren't innocent ourselves. Have mercy upon us, O God, that we may turn back to you and joyfully rededicate ourselves to your way. (moment of silence.)**

## Assurance of Belonging

**What would it mean to accept the grace of God in vain? Why does Paul seem to be defending his ministry?**

L: We are the beloved of God, whose heart is open to all who turn to God in faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: We are the beloved of God! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response** *Spirit of the Living God*

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## 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** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* - Hayes

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Creator, Christ and Spirit, Increase our ability to receive what you teach us, so that as your disciples we may understand your way and follow where you lead. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13** As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,

**Have you ever been caught in a storm? How did you keep yourself safe? Did you pray for help or comfort?**

sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**Hymn** *Star Child* STF 2095

**Mark 4:35-41** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm