

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

### Responding in Faith

**Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

**+Response** *Glory Be to the Father*  
#577

### 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** *God Bless Your Church with Strength!* #418

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**

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THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

June 3, 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: What is it like to be known by God?

**P: It is wonderful and overwhelming; we are filled with awe at the thought.**

L: It is being known from before time began; God being aware our very spirits before we are even born.

**P: Praise God for knowing us and loving us! Let us all praise the Lord!**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **You have made us O God, to worship and love you, and to love one another. May our lives reflect your mercy and grace in our relationships and may we honor your work as the creator of all good things. 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* STF2045

### Call to Confession

We do not do what we want—that is, remain obedient to God—but we do the very things that are against God’s commands. Yet if we admit our weakness God forgives and strengthens us to God’s purpose. Let us pray together the prayer of confession:

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we carry your light**

**What does “the sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the sabbath” mean to you? How does that phrase inform your understanding of how to keep the sabbath holy?**

within us, light that is to help us be the body of Christ in the world. But we hide our light, showing it only when it is convenient and safe to do so. Have mercy on us, O Lord; give us the courage to be light bearers in all circumstances, to show all people the way to you. (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** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* STF 2193

### 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** *O Gentle Savior* - McCartha

### Hearing the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our minds to understand your wisdom and truth, O God. Amen.**

#### Readings

**Mark 2:23-28** <sup>23</sup>One sabbath he was

**By healing the man’s withered hand, do you think Jesus was deliberately provoking the Pharisees? Why or why not? Why was Jesus grieved at their answer?**

going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

<sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.”

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

**Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* #302

**Mark 3:1-6** Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.”