

even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Symbolic Action:

COF Timeline

L: We have been together a long time

P: God has granted us much goodness as a congregation.

L: Let us remember where we have come from

P: Let us honor our roots.

Prayer: As we begin this timeline project, O God, let us remember who we are and whose we are; let us remember the joys and the sorrows, the good ministry that has happened through us; and let us look forward to who we will be in the days and years to come. Amen.

Please come forward and take a cutout of a person. Write your name on it and find a place on the timeline near the year that you first became a part of First Church Covington, First Church Ludlow, or Community of Faith and attach your person to the timeline.

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,

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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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* STF 2171
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude

MISSION



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Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

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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: At one time, the world was without Christ.

P: But now we who were far off are brought near to God through him.

L: We are no longer strangers to God but are citizens of God's household.

P: We are joined together into God's church, which is the body of Christ.

Let us pray: **Good and loving God, as we have been adopted into your family we stand with the faithful of every nation to bring your love and goodwill to others. Sanctify us anew that we are ready and able to be the body of Christ in the world. 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 *God is Here!* #461

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, as Jesus called people a better way, you call us to bring your love and light into the world. But we struggle with best practices and over-thinking things, and we end up doing little or nothing. Forgive us, O God, that we might heed your call on our lives as individuals and as a church community. (moment of silence)

The word "compassion" means "to suffer with." Why did Jesus' compassion lead him to *teach the people? What do you think he taught them?*

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: When we follow the way of Jesus we take on a new life—a life in which our compassionate love for others is renewed. In this new life we are reconnected with God and our fellow human beings, living at peace with all.
P: A life lived in Jesus Christ brings us closer to God and those around us, and we are healed and renewed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *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.

Special Music

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of wonder, may your words guide us, uplift us, and open us to the wonder of your loving spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-34 ³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away

What is it about Jesus that brings people to him? How has Jesus healed you? How would you like Jesus to heal you?

in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center* STF2128

Mark 6:53-56 ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch