

unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith  
COF Timeline Dedication and  
Action**

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.**

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

**Notes**

**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

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People**

**Going into the World**

**+Hymn** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*  
STF2184

**+Charge and Benediction  
+Postlude**

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

July 8, 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: We think about how much you love us, O Lord, and we are awed.

**P: Our praise for you encircles the earth, and we feel your loving embrace.**

L: In Florence, in Ludlow, in Covington, and all of the places from which we come we share our joy as your people

**P: You are our God no matter where we live; forever you are our God!**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **You are the joy of our hearts, O God, and we praise your name above everything. For your glory we share the good news of your love for all people. Grant to us the capacity for loving others in the way you love us—by seeking the way of kindness and justice. 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 *As the Deer* STF2025

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of restoration and renewal, through Jesus Christ you have shown the world how to live kindly and justly in the world; healing instead of harming, loving instead of hating, giving instead of taking. Yet we are so familiar with this Jesus and his ways that sometimes we disrespect and disbelieve his word. We turn from his way, caring**

**Why do you think Jesus was disrespected in his hometown? Why couldn't he do any deeds of power?**

more for ourselves than for others. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and help us to honor you by honoring Jesus, no matter how jaded we are about his message of love and peace. (moment of silence)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In following 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 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*

### The Peace

L: As we are renewed in our relationship with God, let us also be reconciled to one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### Special Music

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Illuminating God, as we listen to these words of scripture may our minds be enlightened and our hearts be uplifted by the message within them. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

**Why did Jesus send his disciples ahead of him? Why did he want them to take nothing with them?**

**Mark 6:1-6a** He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

**Hymn** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* #308

**Mark 6:6b-13** Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the