

that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

### Notes

**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** *Come Sing O Church in Joy!*  
#430

**+Charge and Benediction**  
**+Postlude**



*Blessings on the Ice Cream Social this weekend, and on those who prepared and served the food. Thank you!*

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP



WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

August 19, 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/ Gathering

#### Prayer

L: Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts!

**P: When we are all together it is good to cry "Hallelujah!" for God is good.**

L: God's works are wonderful and we are blessed by them

**P: God's works are faithful and just, so we put our trust in God.**

**All: Let us give praise to God for evermore!**

Let us pray: **Good and loving God, we bring praises to you in our congregation for the blessings you bring to us. Though we know you are present during our worship allow us to feel you move, in and through us, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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** *O God of Earth and Space*  
#274

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and redemption, you have been with your people throughout the ages, showing us over and over how to live in your ways; even sending Jesus the Christ as our example. Yet we turn away; we try to be 'good' by relying on our own devices; but we fall short time after time. Forgive us, O God for not living into the way of**

**The passage from John puts some graphic images in the mouth of Jesus. What do you think it means to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood' in this context? How do we understand it today?**

**Jesus in our lives and in the world.  
(moment of silence)**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!  
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 Open us, dear Lord, to your wonderful word as we read and ponder your scriptures.  
Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

**John 6:51-58** <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

**What is the difference between being wise and being foolish?**

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

**Hymn** *All Who Hunger* STF2126

**Ephesians 5:15-20** <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for