

but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word
Affirmation of Faith

L: In this Easter season, we affirm our faith by saying: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 P: Christ is risen indeed!

Offering
 Prayer, Offertory Music

Response *Glory Be to the Father*
 #577

Notes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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.

The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion

Going Into the World

+Hymn *We are the Body of Christ*
 #2227

+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
June 2, 2019 6th Sunday of Easter/ Ascension
+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: Clap your hands everyone!

P: Shout it out as loud as you can!

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

P: Sing praises to the holy one, sing praises!

L: For God is holy and worthy of our adoration

P: Let us sing praises to the Lord!

Let us pray: **Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives. Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. 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 Medley of Songs STF 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

L: Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You stand over all earthly powers. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.

P: We see violence in the world. We see injustice in our communities. We see hunger and need among our

How many names for Jesus can you find in the Revelation passage? List them.

Why did Jesus ascend? Where is he now?

neighbors. We see longing for something more. We see failures and faults in our lives. In all these things, we feel powerless.
L: Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again, that we may know the power of your love for us. **(moment of silence.)**

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (refrain)*

+Passing of the Peace

As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *We Are Travelers on a Journey* - Pratt

Hearing the Word Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word G2G #455

Listen to the word that God has spoken, Listen to the One who is close at hand, Listen to the Voice that began creation

Listen even if you don't understand.
Scripture Reading Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates... ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift... ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
Hymn *Come Share the Lord* STF2269

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,