

city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Hymn *God is So Good* STF2056

Gospel Reading John 14:25-27

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

L: 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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

L: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of

baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

P: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

Response *Doxology* Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise [God] all creatures here below, praise [God] above the heavenly host, praise Father Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Sending Song *Awesome God*
STF2040

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2019 Pentecost

+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Welcome

Song of Praise

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord
STF2034 (all verses)*

Call to Worship

L: In the beginning,

Before time, before people
Before the world began,

P: God was.

L: Here and now,

Among us, beside us,
Enlisting the people of earth
For the purposes of heaven,

P: God is.

L: In the future,

When we have turned to dust
And all we know has found its
fulfillment

P: God will be.

L: Not denying the world, but delighting
in it,

Not condemning the world but
redeeming it, though Jesus Christ
By the power of the Holy Spirit

P: God was.

God is.

God will be.

*Opening liturgy from "A Wee Worship Book" by
the Wild Goose Worship Group*

Prayer of Affirmation and Confession

Let us pray:

In you, Gracious God,
The widowed find a carer,
The orphaned find a parent,
The fearful find a friend.

In you

**The wounded find a healer,
The penitent find a pardoner,
The burdened find a counselor.**

In you,

The miserly find a beggar,
The despondent find a laughter-
maker,

The legalists find a rule-breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ

We meet our maker

And our match.

And if some need to say, 'help me'
And if some need to say, 'save me'
And if some need to say, 'hold me'
And if some need to say, 'forgive
me'

Then let these be said now

In confidence

By us. (moment of silence)

**O Christ,
in whose heart is both welcome and
warning, say to us, do to us,
reveal within us
the things that will make us whole.**

**And we will wait,
And we will praise you.
Amen.**

Let us now pray the prayer that Christ
taught us: ***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.***

Response to Affirmation and Confession

L: All who are led by the Spirit are
children of God, adopted into the family
of God by the same Spirit. As we offer
our prayers and confessions to God, we
know that we are forgiven and we can
be at peace.

**P: By the power of the Spirit we are
forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sung Response

Spirit of the Living God

***Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on
me***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on
me***

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on
me.***

+Passing of the Peace

L: 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.

Special Music Solo by Rufus Baker

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

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

First Reading Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language
and the same words. ²And as they
migrated from the east, they came upon a
plain in the land of Shinar and settled
there. ³And they said to one another,
"Come, let us make bricks, and burn them
thoroughly." And they had brick for stone,
and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said,
"Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a
tower with its top in the heavens, and let
us make a name for ourselves; otherwise
we shall be scattered abroad upon the
face of the whole earth." ⁵The LORD came
down to see the city and the tower, which
mortals had built. ⁶And the LORD said,
"Look, they are one people, and they have
all one language; and this is only the
beginning of what they will do; nothing
that they propose to do will now be
impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go
down, and confuse their language there,
so that they will not understand one
another's speech." ⁸So the LORD scattered
them abroad from there over the face of
all the earth, and they left off building the