

entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

L: In life and in death we belong to God.

P: 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.

L: 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!"

P: 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

Notes

+Response Glory Be to the Father #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

For your Church in every place, that we may worship and serve you faithfully ...
For leaders and people in every land, that they may know your way and do your will...

For justice throughout the world, that there may be peace and plenty for all...
For the earth you have made, that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory...

For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things...
For those who are ill or close to death, that they may know your loving care...
Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Into the World

+Sending Song *Christ Beside Me*
STF 2166

+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

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+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Prelude

Welcome

+Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Let us pray: **God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever; and we 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.

+Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #457

Prayer of Confession

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us pray together the prayer of Confession:

P: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (moment of silence.)

L: Our righteousness is found in Christ

alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts* STF2157

+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.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Sung 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 (2X)*

First Reading Colossians 1:15-29

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he