

and I have nothing to set before him.’
7And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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.

Notes

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

+Response *Glory Be to the Father*
#577

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

Going Into the World

+Sending Song *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422

**+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude**



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
July 28, 2019
+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Prelude

Welcome

+Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling #376*

+Call to Worship and Gathering

Prayer

L: God's goodness is poured over us!

P: God's blessings abound in our lives!

*All Sing: "Bless the Lord" STF2013
Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul
Who leads me into life.*

L: In the darkness God abides with us.

P: In the light God dances and shouts with us!

All Sing: "Bless the Lord"

L: Holy is God who is present with us at all times.

P: How grateful we are for God's presence and compassion.

All Sing: "Bless the Lord"

Litany/Reading:

Reader 1: I know how to pray: you have to give all the names of God so that God will know you appreciate God and are aware of God's majesty and power. God

is a jealous God. Don't cross God or you'll be in trouble.

Reader 2:

"When you pray, say: Father, holy is your name."

Reader 1:

Remember to ask for all the things you want; you know, like wealth, a nice big house, a boat, gadgets, cars, all the stuff to make you happy. You want it all right now when you can enjoy it - none of this "by and by" stuff.

Reader 2:

Seek God's kingdom in the here and now. Ask for what you need to become good disciples - daily sustenance so that you will be able to serve others. Forgiveness for all the times in which you have failed to do God's will, in which you have hurt someone.

Reader 1:

Forgiveness? For what? So I haven't always done right - well, people haven't always done right by me either! I have just returned the favor! They got what they deserved!

Reader 2:

Ask God to imprint God's love in our hearts, that we might be more loving to others. For all that is, is God's. We owe our lives to God and in gratitude we lift our voices in prayer: **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.

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.

Special Music

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 2:6-12 ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #379*

Gospel Reading Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived,