

and greet no one on the road.

<sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding to the Word**  
**Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* p.14

## Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *Glory Be to the Father*  
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## 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 (p.16)**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

## Going Into the World

**+Hymn** *Let Us Talents and Tongues*  
*Employ* #514

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
July 7, 2019 6<sup>th</sup> 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: Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.

**P: Give thanks and proclaim God's holy name.**

L: Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,

**P: come as you are, for all are welcome here.**

P: Open your hearts to healing, to life restored.

**P: Let us worship God.**

Let us pray:

**O God of cleansing waters, center our hearts on healing. Messenger of peace, instruct us in your ways.**

**Spirit of gentleness, make of us a new creation. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn** *Come and Find the Quiet*  
*Center STF 2128*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O God of people and nations, we are ignorant and arrogant about our own prosperity and might. When we forget how much we have, remind us of our abundance.**

**When we take pride in our status and think ourselves better than others, grant us humility.**

**When we use wealth and power to get our own way at the expense of others, correct us.**

**Heal us, we pray, that we may be a force for wholeness.**

**With all that we have, we pray for your forgiveness. Amen. (moment of silence.)**

### Words of Assurance

L: God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may last the night, but joy comes in the morning. God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy. Let us rejoice! We are forgiven!

**L: We rejoice because we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response** *Halle Halle Hallelujah 2026*  
**+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** **Jeff Carter**

## 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 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." <sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the

entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
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### Gospel Reading

**Luke 10:1-11,16-20** After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals;