



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
August 11, 2019  
+Stand as you are able  
*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

## Gathering Prelude

### Lifting our Voices in Praise

#### Shout to the Lord (all sing) (2x)

*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing*

*Power and majesty praise to the King*

*Mountains bow down and the sea will roar at the sound of your name*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hands*

*Forever I'll love you forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

#### Awesome God (all sing) (2x)

*Our God is an awesome God, who reigns from heaven above*

*With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.*

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

L: I was glad when they said to me,

**P: Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

### Prayer of Affirmation and Confession

Let us pray: **Amazing God, you bring us together as your people to worship and praise you. You are at the center of all that we do and we praise your loving kindness that fills our hearts. We confess that we are not worthy to be your people—yet you love us anyway. We confess that we are wrapped up in our own concerns—yet you love us anyway. We confess that we are reluctant to share with the poor—yet you love us anyway. Have mercy on us for when we fall short, when we turn away, when we forget our calling as your people: to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. (moment of silence.)**

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: Today we rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

### Sung Response

#### Come Into Our Hearts

*Come into our hearts with your peace, You alone O Lord are holy,*

*Come into our hearts with your peace, Alleluia (2x)*

## **+Passing of the Peace**

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

**P: And also with you.**

**Special Music** *Lullaby for a Refugee Child* Words by Rebecca Lindsay, Music by Joanna Bailey

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Sung Prayer for Illumination (2x)**

*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 15:1-6** The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## **Hymn**

### **Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

*Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love*

*Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, where there's doubt, faith in you*

*Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope*

*Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy,*

*O master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console*

*To be understood as to understand, to be loved with all my soul*

*Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life*

**Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country,

that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **Sermon and Activity**

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

#### **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**

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 Songs**

##### **I'll Fly Away**

*One fine morning when this life is over I'll fly away*

*To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away*

*Refrain: I'll fly away o glory, I'll fly away, when I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away*

*When the shadows of my life have gone, I'll fly away*

*Like a bird from prison bars have flown, I'll fly away*

*Refrain*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away*

*To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away*

*Refrain*

### **Trees of the Field**

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace*

*The mountains and the hills will break forth before you*

*There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap will clap their hands*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands*

*The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out in joy (repeat)*

### **+Charge and Benediction**

### **+Postlude**

## **Announcements for Sunday, August 11, 2019**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**8/13:** Mission Team meeting (7:00pm)

**8/14, 8/21, 8/28:** Acts Bible Study

**8/18, 8/25, 9/1:** Worship Service

### **The Scriptures for Sunday, August 18:**

Isaiah 5:1–7

Psalms 80:1–2, 8–19

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49–56

**Mission Team:** The COF Mission Team will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**Covington Community Cookout:** The Northern Kentucky Poor People's Campaign is hosting a cookout at Randolph Park's David Housley Shelter on Friday, August 16 from 6:00pm until dusk. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and water will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Bible Study:** Join us each Wednesday at 5:30pm for a bible study. We will congregate each week to discuss Acts together. You may purchase your own copy of the Interpretation Bible Studies: Acts book on Amazon or at the PCUSA's online store. Contact Rev. Sharon for more information.

**Weekly Budget:** Did you know that giving often goes down in the summer? People are out of town or may have other expenses that keep them from giving as much in the summer as they do at other times of the year. However, our cash flow needs don't change from month to month and season to season. Giving is a spiritual discipline so if possible, please consider giving a consistent amount each month. The leadership of COF appreciates everyone who gives!

Weekly needed to meet budget: \$1911.50

**Foodies:** Let's get together! Mark your calendars for either August 20 or August 21 to meet for a meal. Jo Shade suggests meeting at Bru Burger (279 Buttermilk Pike, Fort Mitchell, KY) between 5:30pm and 6:00pm, but is open to restaurant suggestions. Contact Jo (859-431-6738) for more information.