

years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding to the Word  
Affirmation of Faith**

*Confession of 1967, 9.16,17*

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

**Offering**

Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *Glory Be to the Father*  
#577

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

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayers**

**Notes**

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 . . .

(moment of silence.)  
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**

**+Hymn** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*  
STF2184

**+Charge and Benediction**  
**+Postlude**

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## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude Welcome +Call to Worship/Opening 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 mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; who taught us to pray together, saying: *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.***

Opening Prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1549)

**Hymn** *Holy God We Praise Your Name* #460

### Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence)**

**How confident do you feel telling people about your faith? Why?**

**What is work? What is Sabbath? Why is each important, and how do you incorporate each into your life?**

## Words of Assurance

L: In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

**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 the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## Special Music

### 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command

you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* #426

#### Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long