

judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'"

¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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* #577

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Notes

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Going Into the World

+Hymn *We Give Thee But Thine Own* #428

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
August 4, 2019 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

+Call to Worship/Opening

Prayer

L: Give thanks to God for God is good!

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone

P: Let us love the Lord our God with our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; and who taught us to pray, 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.

Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table*
STF2268

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not

In Ecclesiastes, "vanity" is being used as a synonym for "ephemeral" or "vaporous". Do you agree that life and work of humans is "vanity?"

What kinds of things do you "store up?" Why? Are there other things you could be storing up for God?

insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (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

+Passing of the Peace

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2-3, 12-14; 2:18-20

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Hymn *When a Poor One* #407

Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a