

have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.’²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

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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 *Give Thanks* STF2036

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ,

God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...
 (Moment of silence)

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word, and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Into the World

+Hymn *When We Are Living* #400
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
September 29, 2019 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold
type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

+Hymn *He Has Made Me Glad*
STF2270 (2x)

+Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: We live in the protection of God's mighty wings

P: God is our refuge and our strength

L: We trust in God to deliver us from evil

P: When we call, God answers; when we are in trouble, God rescues us.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray: **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. (moment of silence)

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 *Bless the Lord*
STF2013

+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 all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

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 32:1-3a, 6-15 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him... ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of

silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hymn *When a Poor One* #407 Gospel Reading **Luke 16:19-31**

¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham,