

like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

<sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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## 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

### Notes

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*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son*

*And now, may the weak say "I am strong", may the poor say "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.*

## Going Into the World

### +Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve STF 2241 v.1,4*

*The Spirit sends us forth to serve, We go in Jesus' name, to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim, God's Spirit has empowered us, we go in Jesus' name.*

### +Charge and Benediction

### +Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
September 8, 2019 +Stand as you are able  
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold  
type

## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome

### +Call to Worship/Opening

### Prayer

L: Happy are those who delight in God's word!

**P: They are like trees planted by the water.**

L: We praise God for giving us the living water

**P: The living water of God's love, which comes to us in Jesus Christ.**

Let us pray: **Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord; who taught us to pray together: *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 *Morning Has Broken* Insert

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (moment of silence)**

### Words of Assurance

L: Though we fall short, grace abounds and we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: We rejoice that through the abundant grace of God we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response** *Come and Fill Our Hearts*  
STF2157

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace*  
*You alone O Lord are holy*  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace*  
*Alleluia! (repeat)*

### +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.**

### 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.

**Luke 14:25-33** <sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters,

yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Hymn *Amazing Grace* Insert

### Jeremiah 18:1-8

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>"Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just