

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 A.M.

Dr. James F. Kay

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Debussy *Preludes Book 1*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. We are to stand during designated hymns out of worship and honor. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Offering is to be placed in plate when exiting. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your congregation safe.**

INTROIT: “Breathe” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/*People*)

(L) A tiny seed that burgeons into a majestic tree with branches that offer shelter and shade; or yeast, hidden within a bushel of flour, that transforms the dough in due time:

(P) this is what the kingdom of heaven is like.

(L) We gather ‘round Jesus – our teacher and Lord – seeking wisdom and understanding, longing for a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven.

(P) Let anyone with ears to hear listen!

*HYMN: “We Gather Together” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. James F. Kay

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, your kingdom confounds us. You challenge our assumptions about right living and stretch our understanding of what holds worth. You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities until they reflect your vision of well-being for all. Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace. But we cling to the values of this world, which privilege products over people, success over service, and competition for resources over the common good. Open us to new ways of living that embody your desire for creation and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. James F. Kay

*SONG OF PRAISE: “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” *(See Insert)*

CONCERNS and JOYS

Dr. James F. Kay

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Greet your neighbors from a distance)*

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. James F. Kay

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Serpent

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

SERMON: “John 3:16”

Dr. James F. Kay

*HYMN: “O Word of God Incarnate” *(See Insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Dr. James F. Kay

*SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Doxology)*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. James F. Kay

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” *(See Insert)*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. James F. Kay

*BPC THEME SONG: Go now in peace . . .

POSTLUDE: Handel *Water Music Finale*

**** Congregation will stand***

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1ST HYMN: WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
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The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

2 The church from You, dear Savior, received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

CLOSING HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

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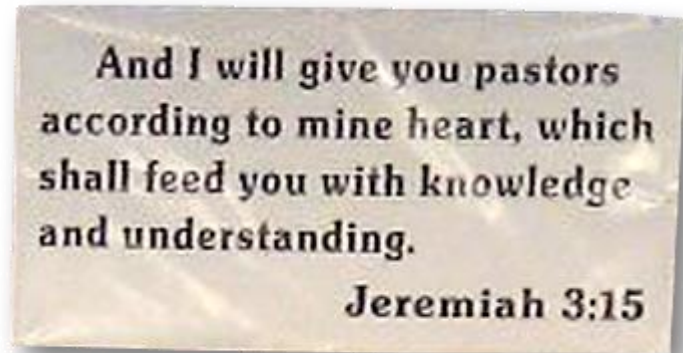
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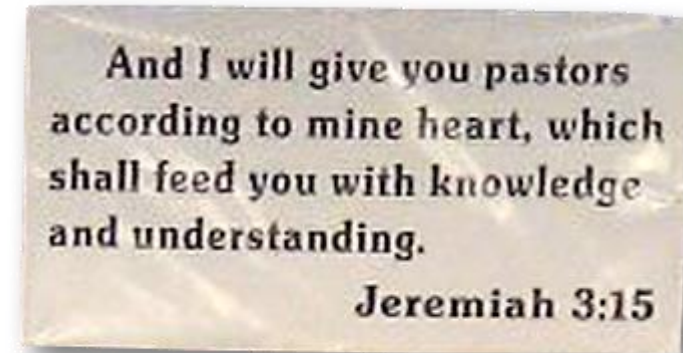


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