

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
** Congregation will stand*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *Arietta*
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: “Spirit Song” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/*People*)

(L) Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise, for God has done wondrous deeds!
(P) God is great beyond compare! Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

(L) Let us pray
(P) Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace today that we too may bear witness to this light and serve together as your Church until He comes again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

*HYMN: “Sing a New Song Unto the Lord!” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) God is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive. Therefore, we humbly and honestly confess our sins, first in prayer together, then in quiet, heart to heart confession with God. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(P) 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. 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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Friends, hear the good news: you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God’s will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.
(P) Thanks be to God! Amen.

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Please stand and greet your neighbors from a distance)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” *(Video)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “You Never Know What You Might Find!

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Backpack Program *(Video)*

SHARING OF PRAYERS for CONCERNS and JOYS

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.

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(L) Let us pray
(P) Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

READING OF THE WORD

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:35-42

SERMON: “Great Question!”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*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

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Doxology)* “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: “Earth and All Stars!” *(See Insert)*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE: Grieg *Wedding Feast at Trolldhaugen*

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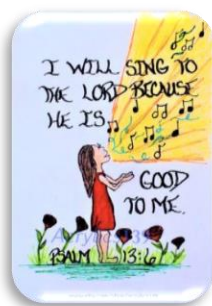
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and His Spirit, like a dove,
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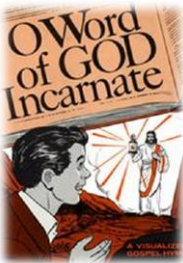
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Rise, O children, from your sleep;
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He has turned your sorrow to joy,
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Glad my soul for I have seen
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O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
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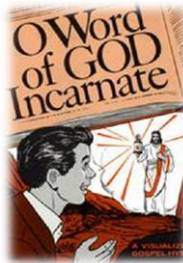
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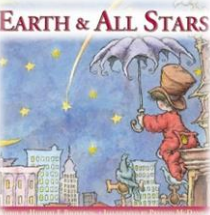
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CLOSING HYMN: EARTH AND ALL STARS!



Earth and all stars, Loud rushing planets
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blowing snowstorm
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Refrain: God has done marvelous things.
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Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
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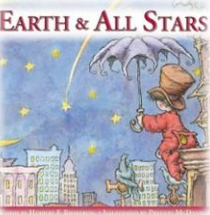
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