

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

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

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric Piece

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.

INTROIT: “God Be in My Head” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/*People*)

(L) Praise the Lord who is our provider.

(P) The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

(L) God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

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(L) Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

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*OPENING PRAYER

(L) Let us pray

(P) Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the promise of forgiveness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(P) Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

(P) Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

(L) The peace of Christ be with you. ***(P) And also with you.***

(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

*SONG OF PRAISE: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *(See Insert)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Shine On!”

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SHARING OF PRAYERS for JOYS and CONCERNS; 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) Loving God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word. Amen.

READING OF THE WORD

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON: “Running on Empty”

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*HYMN: “Surely It is God Who Saves Me” *(See Insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Philippians 2:5-11*

As followers of Jesus Christ, we strive to be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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

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THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: “Give Thanks, O Christian People” *(See Insert)*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE: Debussy

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God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

1ST HYMN: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God
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SONG OF PRAISE: GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN



Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2nd HYMN: SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME



Surely it is God who saves me;
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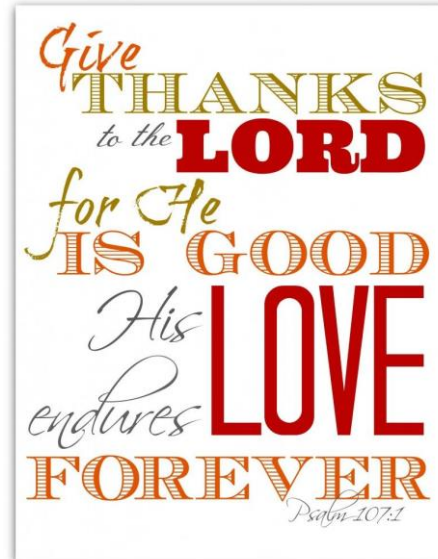
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who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
To go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
To work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

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Who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears,
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