

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart’s Concerto 21 2nd Movement (Elvira Madigan)
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

INTROIT: “Take Me to the Alley” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

All: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

All: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

All: they shall walk and not faint.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Ain’t a That Good News” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

All: God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God’s grace. We rejoice in this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new! All thanks to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: *(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Heavy Lifting”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*SONG OF PRAISE: “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” *(See Inset)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

New Testament: Mark 1:29-39

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Wait Training”

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*HYMN: “I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)” *(See Insert)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *(See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: ***Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

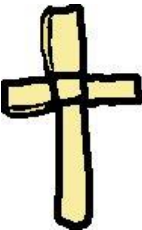
POSTLUDE: Mozart’s Sonata in C 3rd Movement

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- *NEW* Spirit Kitchen Weather & Information Line 410-726-0020:** The Spirit Kitchen, located at Stevenson UMC (123 N. Main St.) now has an information line to check on hours of operation/inclement weather closings.
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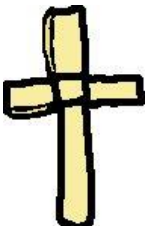


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Well, they guild their houses In preparation for the King
And they line the sidewalks With every sort of shiny thing
They will be surprised When they hear him say
 Take me to the alley
 Take me to the afflicted ones
 Take me to the lonely ones that somehow
 Lost their way
 Let them hear me say I am your friend
 Come to my table Rest here in my garden
 You will have a pardon
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OPENING HYMN: AIN'T A THAT GOOD NEWS

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,
Ain't-a that good news!
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Ain't-a that good news!
 I'm-a gonna lay down this world,
 Gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,
 Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,
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SONG OF PRAISE: GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

- 1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
- 2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
- 3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

2ND HYMN: I WILL COME TO YOU (YOU ARE MINE)

I will come to you in the silence I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near.
I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in Me.

(Refrain) Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
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I am strength for all the despairing Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name (Refrain)
I am the Word that leads all to freedom I am the peace the world cannot give
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Stand up, now, walk, and live (Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

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In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
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