BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

* Congregation will stand

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart Concerto 22: 2nd Movement

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.

MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care

INTROIT: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" " (See Insert to follow along)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119: 10-16, Common English Bible)

Leader: Jesus said. "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

All: Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown" (See Insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: This is the judgment that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ. Let us pray: All: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we live sinfully and deceitfully. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: What great news – in Christ we are forgiven and made new! Thanks be 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:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. *All: And also with you.* Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

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

YOUTH MESSAGE: Flashlight Tag!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Sung Response (Psalm 51: 10-12)

John 12:20-33

Response to God's Word

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

SERMON: "Wanting the Light"

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*HYMN: "At the Name of Jesus" (See Insert)
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (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.

POSTLUDE: Beethoven Sonata 8: 1st Movement

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	sit and invite Jesus into your presence, giving thanks and remember Him as you			
	break bread. Every effort will be made to make the service accessible to all.			
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OPENING HYMN: MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.

O who am I, That for my sake

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2 He came from His heaven's throne Salvation to bestow;

The world that was his own would not its Savior know.

But oh, my Friend, My Friend indeed,

Who at my need His life did spend.

3 Sometimes we strew His way, And His sweet praises sing;

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2ND HYMN: AT THE NAME OF JESUS

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. 2 Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed; 3 Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest. 5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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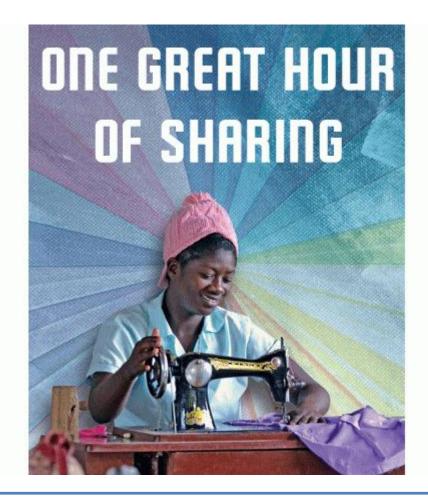
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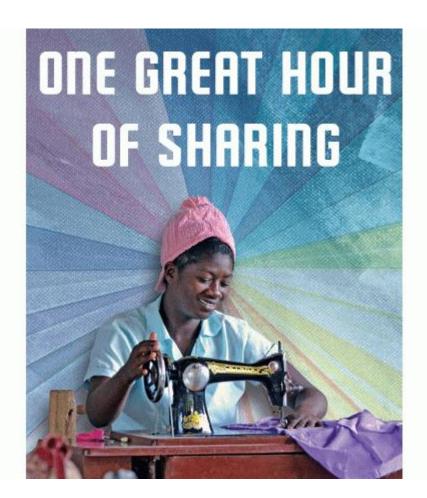
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