

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Satie Gymnopedie 2

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Updated COVID Guidelines** – See Announcements Insert (Hymns that do not appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin – Singing WITH MASKS ON will be allowed in worship)

JUNE MISSION MOMENT: Grace Center

INTROIT: “Ain’t a That Good News (See insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus comes, proclaiming good news:

All: “The Kingdom of God has come near!”

Leader: Jesus comes, proclaiming good news:

All: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

Leader: Jesus comes, proclaiming good news:

All: “Peace! Be Still!”

Leader: Let us proclaim the good news:

All: Jesus Christ is God’s son who has come to save us!

*OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, may we your church, in this place and time, take seriously the immediacy of the Gospel. May we be the community in which the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened; where the doubting find faith and the anxious find encouragement; where sinners find grace and the sorrowful find comfort. May all who worship you be inspired and renewed through the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “The Summons” (See insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God’s grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

All: O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Friends, believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: What good news! 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: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

YOUTH MESSAGE: Where to Begin?

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

SONG OF PRAISE: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” (See insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Sung)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path; Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path - When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear, As long as you are near, Please be near me to the end

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 1:1

Response (Sung)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path; Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path - I will not forget, Your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side, I will love you to the end

SERMON: Great Beginnings

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*HYMN: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (PH #303)

*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 / PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation!” (PH #416)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: Forlane – Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, June 6, 2021

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Saturday, June 12	Church grounds spruce-up 8am – Noon

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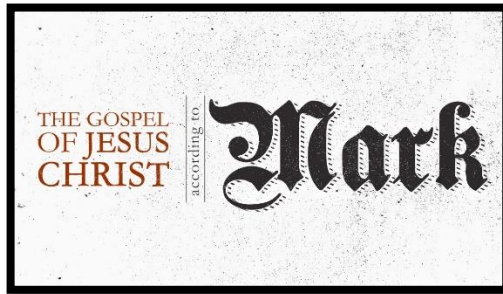
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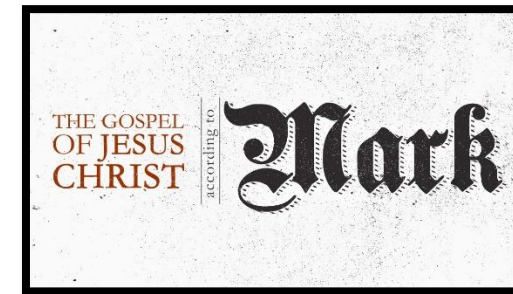
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If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
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SONG OF PRAISE: LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
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