

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin: Fugue  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – (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: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (PH #341)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus says:

**All: “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”**

Leader: Jesus says,

**All; “Follow me.”**

Jesus says:

**All: “I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”**

Leader: This is the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Generous God, whose love embraces the sinner and challenges the self-righteous, enable us to hear the call of discipleship, trusting not in our worthiness but in the healing love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “Be Not Afraid” (See insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus declares that those who are well have no need of a physician, only those who are sick; Christ calls not the righteous but sinners that we may be healed. Let us confess our sins before God.

**All: Merciful God, your love for us is undivided, but we confess that many distractions divide us in our devotion to you. Forgive us, we pray. Reconcile our wandering hearts and restore us to faithfulness. Ground us in our faith that we may know to whom we belong, live as your committed partner, and honor you as our gracious Lord. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: 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: Stand In The Place Where You Are

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

SONG OF PRAISE: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” (PH #394)

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 2:1-17

**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: Standing Up

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” (PH #339)

\*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

PRAYER FOR FATHERS (See Insert)

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.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (See insert)

\*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

**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: Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin – Prelude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, June 20, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Kortright Chapel Kid's Church School
11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter is Evelyn Warren

### THIS WEEK: June 21 - 26, 2021

Monday, June 21	Share & Care 6:30pm
Tuesday, June 22	Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm;
Wednesday, June 23	Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm; Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm; High School Youth 5:30-6:30pm
Thursday, June 24	Bible Study 6-7:30pm w/Pastor Mark; Choir rehearsal 7:30pm
Friday, June 25	Pastor Hrs. 10am – Noon; Vacation Bible S'More Time 6pm – <i>Enjoying God in the Great Outdoors</i>

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Sunday, June 27	CHAOS Crew (Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> ) – Shorebirds game. Call church to join - \$9
Sunday, July 4	
Tuesday, July 6	Communion Sunday; Lemonade on the Lawn 10:10 – 10:50am on the front lawn or in Taylor Hall; Choir participation begins at the 11am service
Tue-Thu, July 6-8	Session Meeting 6pm
Sunday, July 11	WYFS Summer Camp at BPC 9am – 4pm
Tuesday, July 13	CHAOS Crew – (Devotional night) 4pm Slip Sliding Away – Running from temptation...before you get on the slippery slope and can't stop (WET ONE – Wear Bathing Suit
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- **THE CHOIR IS BACK IN ACTION!** We are happy to announce that beginning July 4, the choir will be back at 11 AM sharing their voices and lifting Glory to God! Would you like to join your voice with them? Rehearsing Thursdays at 7:30 in the sanctuary. All choir members must be fully vaccinated for COVID 19.
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**Weekly Giving** \$2,579.00

**Special Offerings:** Deacons Fund \$65.00

Congregational Life Dinner \$30.00

VBS/Mission \$30.00

**Weekly Attendance:** 9am – 36; 11am – 27

### **OPENING HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID**

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live  
**Refrain:** Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest  
If you pass through raging waters in the sea  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all **(Refrain)**  
And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh  
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**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 602**

*If any man serve Me, let him follow Me. John 12:26*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed  
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,  
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,  
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now

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*Optional choral ending*  
back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.

TEXT: Source unknown  
MUSIC: Folk melody from India; arranged by Eugene Thomas

ASSAM  
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for the many times they reflected the love, strength,  
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that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers  
for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;  
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;  
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;  
for modeling the qualities that would turn us  
into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals.  
Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.  
Give us the grace to extend to them  
the same forgiveness that you offer us all.  
Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness,  
instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives  
when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.  
May the love and selflessness they showed us  
be returned to them in all their relationships,  
and help them to know that their influence  
has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need  
to raise happy and holy children,  
grounded in a love for God and other people -  
and remind these fathers that treating their wives  
with dignity, compassion and respect is  
one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life  
have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,  
and that our family will one day be reunited  
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