

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Ma Mere L'Oye part one by Ravel

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)

JULY MISSION MOMENT: Grace Center

INTROIT: "America the Beautiful" (Choir)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there. **All: What have we to fear?**

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us. **All: Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved. **All: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (PH #562)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us admit to our lack of faith, trusting in the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Join me as we confess together, saying,

**All: God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith. **All: Our God affirms us for who we are— those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sit Still!

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ANTHEM: "Lead Me Lord" (Choir)

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 4:35-41

**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: Faith Despite Fear

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul" (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

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR JULY 4 (See back of Communion 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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (See Communion insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (PH #464)

\*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: Chopin Mazurka

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**Weekly Giving** \$1,070.00

**Special Offerings:** Deacons Fund \$85.00

Parking \$50.00

Furniture Sale \$60.00

**Weekly Attendance:** 42

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Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side  
 Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain  
 Leave to thy God, to order and provide  
 Who through all changes, faithful will remain  
 Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend  
 Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake  
 To guide the future surely as the past  
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake  
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
 Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

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 When we shall be forever with the Lord  
 When disappointment, grief and fear are gone  
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