

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Chopin Mazurka

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – (Hymns that do not appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin. Masks are optional, but highly recommended for those who have not been vaccinated)

AUGUST MISSION MOMENT: School Supplies

INTROIT: (Choir) “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

\*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. Every day we choose to live in your ways, may your light of love shine through our lives as a sign of our faith and hope in you. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “Will You Come and Follow Me” (See insert)

PRAYER OF 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 me 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: May 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Jesus’s Transmogrifer”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*SONG OF PRAISE: “Though I May Speak” (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 8:27 – 9:8

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

SERMON: “Mid-Term Exam”

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\*HYMN: “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” (PH #75)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Brief Statement of Faith Section (Section 2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Response - Leader: Lord, by your Spirit; **All: Grant us what we ask.**

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: “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” (PH #393)

\*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: Clementi Sonata in G

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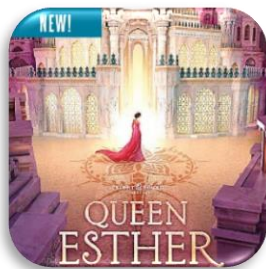
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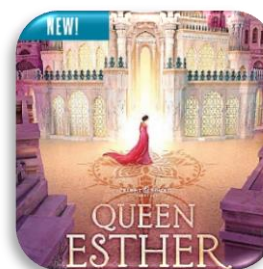
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Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### **SONG OF PRAISE: THOUGH I MAY SPEAK**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless  
gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.  
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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