

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart Sonata in Bb 2nd Movement

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – (Masks are optional, but highly recommended regardless of vaccination status, especially while moving around the building and interacting with others. Please try to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet between individuals or groups. Please use hand sanitizer often. Thank you for your cooperation and continued care for each other.)

AUGUST MISSION MOMENT: School Supplies

INTROIT: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (PH #403, 1st vs.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God’s glorious works.

All: We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” (PH #467)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord. Let’s pray:

All: Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love.

All: We will, with God’s help. 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: 2021 Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference “Rooted in Love” Macrides Family

*SONG OF PRAISE: “Now Thank We All Our God” (PH #555, 1st vs.)

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 9:33-36; 10:35-44

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

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SERMON: “Last Place Hall of Fame”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This” (PH #85)

* 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)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: Satisfy us, O Lord, with your gift of life, **All: and show us your salvation.**

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: “By All Your Saints Still Striving” (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: Mozart Sonata in Bb 3rd Movement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, August 22, 2021

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9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Kortright Chapel Kid's Church School
11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary
4:00pm	CHAOS Crew hosting Adult Night Out Dinner & Bingo!

THIS WEEK: August 23-28, 2021

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Tuesday, September 7	Session Mtg. 6pm
Friday, September 10	S'More Time w/Jesus 6-8pm
Tuesday, Sept 14	Men's Breakfast @ Rayne's Reef 8:30am
Sunday, Sept 19	Family Day Afternoon at Trimper's Rides
Friday, Sept 24	S'More Time w/Jesus 6-8pm
Sunday, October 3	World Communion Sunday (Peace & Global Witness Offering)



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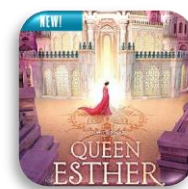
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By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

We praise you for the Baptist, forerunner of the Word,
our true Elijah, making a highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet, he saw the dawning ray
of light that grows in splendor until the perfect day.

All praise, O Lord, for Andrew, the first to welcome you,
whose witness to his brother named you Messiah true.
May we, with hearts kept open to you throughout the year
proclaim to friend and neighbor your advent ever near.

For Magdalene we praise you, steadfast at cross and tomb.
Your “Mary!” in the garden dispelled her tears and gloom.
Apostle to the apostles, she ran to spread the word.
Send us to shout the good news that we have seen the Lord!

We pray for saints we know not, for saints still yet to be,
for grace to bear true witness and serve you faithfully,
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