

FIFTEENTH 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 – We are all aware of the increase in COVID cases in Worcester County and the rapid spread of the Delta Variant across our nation. In light of this and our church’s responsibility to the health and safety of all our members and guests, we ask everyone’s cooperation with following the guidelines listed in the bulletin insert **for the month of September**. We thank everyone for their cooperation – now and in the days to come as Session continues to discern the best way forward. For now, let us pray every day for the end to this pandemic, and let us remember that we are all a part of God’s family – in this together.

SEPTEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Clothing for Nurse Angie’s Closet at Buckingham Elementary

INTROIT: “I Love to Tell the Story” (See insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Grant your Church new life in you that we may never wither and fall from your vine. Grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” (PH #469)

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: Loving God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you 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.**

*SONG OF PRAISE: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (PH #383, 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 11:12-25

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Sung)

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SERMON: “Hangry?”

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*HYMN: “O God Beyond All Praising” (See insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The 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 (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (See insert)

*CLOSING HYMN: “Stand Up, Stand Up for 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: Mozart Sonata in Bb 1st Movement

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Sunday, October 3	

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- **THINKIN' ABOUT BECOMING A DEACON?** Have you ever thought about becoming a Deacon or had questions about what this special ministry is all about? If so, our Deacons invite you to join them along with Pastor Mark for informational sessions on **Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 at 1:30pm**. Sessions will be interactive and conversational. Questions? Contact Carol Neal or Pastor Mark.
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Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story!

'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

HYMN AFTER SERMON: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising, We worship you today
And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,
At blessings without number And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.

CLOSING HYMN: STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
'til ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:
ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;
where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:
to him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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