

**Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor**

**Rev. Kerry Shull, Guest Preacher**

**Music Director – Gregory Fraser**

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Scarlatti Sonata

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** –We ask everyone’s cooperation with following the COVID guidelines listed in the bulletin insert. 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.

OCTOBER MISSION MOMENT: Socks for shelters “Socktober”

CALL TO WORSHIP:(Psalm 104:1-4,24,35c)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

**All: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

**All: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

Leader: Let us worship the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 5:2)

Leader: Because Jesus entered the depth of our fallen humanity—our sin and death—he knows our weakness. By his faithfulness even to death we *are forgiven*. That gracious forgiveness gives us the freedom to confess our sins and claim God’s love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Mark 10:35-37; Hebrews 5:2)

**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 selfish pride, 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 GOD’S GRACE (Hebrews 10:22)

Leader: People of God, your sins are forgiven. Embrace the new life we now have in Jesus. Our conscience cleansed, we live thankfully: in obedience to God and in loving service to others. **All: 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.**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE (Please turn to extend signs of peace to any neighbors from a distance)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Job 38:1)

Leader: O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your son, our Lord. **All: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

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

SERMON: “The True Worshipper”

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\*HYMN: “Bless the Lord My Soul” (Lyrics): **Bless the Lord My Soul, and bless God’s holy name Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Leader: Let us confess our faith using Hebrews 10:19-31.

**All: Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please be seated)

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: Leader: God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much.

With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

\*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Leader: Gracious God, we offer you these gifts.

Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. **All: Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (PH #288)

BLESSING & CHARGE: (Job 38 & Mark 10:45) Leader: May the knowledge and love of the one who knit the earth together rest with you and give you strength to help others, for the glory of God.

The Son of Man came to serve not to be served. Let us follow Christ’s example, and give our all to God and one another. **All: Amen.**

\*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 C<sup>m</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> movement

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