**BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

February 2, 2020

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 11:00 A.M.

## Rev. Glenn Zuber Music Director – Gregory Fraser

#### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: "Liszt Conzonetta del Salvatore Rosa" (Years of Pilgrimage)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please clearly sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.

INTROIT: "Come Live In the Light!"

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People) (Please stand)

- (L) Blessed are the poor in spirit,
- (P) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- (L) Blessed are those who hunger for justice,
- (P) for they will be filled.
- (L) Blessed are the pure in heart,
- (P) for they will see God.
- (L) Blessed are the peacemakers,
- (P) for they will be called children of God.
- (L) Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,
- (P) for we will be nurtured and sustained.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (If children are present)

HYMN: see Insert (Please stand) "Blest Are They" (Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Glenn Zuber

Surprising God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock the weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and – in all things – walk humbly with you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #411, verse 1, "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

CONCERNS and JOYS Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (Please stand and greet your neighbors)

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. (Please be seated)

#### THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible page 866)

What does the Lord require? Justice, kindness, humility.

ANTHEM: "One Bread, One Body

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible page 4)

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.

SERMON: Sermon on the Mount

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HYMN: see Insert (*Please stand*) "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Adapted from the Confession of 1967"

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

(You may be seated)

# THE RESPONDING

**OFFERTORY** 

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF DEDICATION: (Please stand) "Doxology"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Amen. (Please remain standing)
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Rev. Glenn Zuber

### THE SENDING

HYMN: see Insert "You Are My Strength"

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

**CLOSING SONG:** 

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.

POSTLUDE: "Liszt - Eglogue" (Years of Pilgrimage)