

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt II Penseroso

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL MISSION MOMENT: Beyond Your Walls – Mobile Shower, Lunch & Laundry, CRICKET Walk

GATHERING AT THE FOUNT

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Leader: Sisters and brothers, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord.

INTROIT: Ancient Words - Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

All: we were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

All: We rejoiced: “The Lord has done great things for us.”

Leader: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

All: come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you.

For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Wayfaring Stranger (insert)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Does it change, or stay the same?”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection; that is: a new and abundant life. Therefore, with confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

All: Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world confess that we do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ.

Forgive us, and help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. in Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun. **All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: Take My Life and Let it Be (PH #391)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us join together in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

All: Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Then, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 126 (read and sung responsively - see insert)

Philippians 3:4b–14

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

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

SERMON SERIES: Singing the Psalms through Lent.

MESSAGE: “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

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HYMN: Bringing in the Sheaves (insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (adapted from Philippians 3:7-8a; 10-14;)

We believe in Jesus Christ and in Him we place our faith, our trust, indeed, our very lives. Whatever gains we’ve had in the past, these we have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, we regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. We want to know Christ more and live into the power of his resurrection. We know, though, that we not yet have reached this goal. To do so requires us to share in his sufferings and to experience loss and even death – death of self and self-interest; death of visions and dreams we once had. This is hard, but we know Christ is leading us in every moment and into the future glory of the heavenly Kingdom. And so, we press on to make the Kingdom our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own. We have not made it this far on our own, but this one thing we know: forgetting what lies behind - and straining forward to what lies ahead - we press on - together - with Christ toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR INTERSESSION

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord; **All: Lord, have mercy.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF LORD’S SUPPER (insert)

*CLOSING HYMN: Fight the Good Fight (PH #307)

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE: Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: Bach Piano Concerto in Bb, 2nd movement

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Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
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Refrain:

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Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
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