BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 14, 2022

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte Music Director – Gregory Fraser

* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable

CHIMING OF THE BELLS
PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric Piece
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT – In Christ Alone - Choir
*CALL TO WORSHIP

As individuals, as a group, as a community of faith -

All: we gather in this place.

Leader: To listen. **All: to speak,**Leader: to worship,

All: to encourage one another and to pray.

Leader: We come to be with Jesus because we know – All: It is out of His authority and His love, that we live.

Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, in you we live and move and have our being; we are your own children, the work of your hands. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to your presence, opening our ears to your Word. Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and voices; may it be a pleasing offering to You. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: O Zion Haste (insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us pray together as Jesus's disciples, acknowledging our sins, seeking forgiveness and renewing our faith.

All: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, be encouraged – be renewed – believe: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: I can tell that we are gonna be friends...

SONG OF PRAISE: Praise the Lord (PH #225) verse 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds that we may hear your words of challenge and encouragement in the reading of the scriptures. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 13:1-3; 13-44
RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

SUMMER/FALL Series: Getting in on the ACT(S)TION

MESSAGE <u>Called As Partners</u> Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Called as Partners in Christ (insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, (Taken from Colossians 1: 15-20)

Leader: This message has been preached throughout all creation under heaven:

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God; the first over all creation. All things in heaven and earth - visible and invisible, thrones and powers, rulers and authorities – all things were created by Him and for Him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in Him. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the firstborn from among the dead so that He might occupy the first place in everything.

Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in Him, and he reconciled all things to Himself through Him - He brought peace through the blood of His cross. We once were alienated from God, but now He has reconciled us by His physical body through death, to present us before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame.

With His help, we seek to remain rooted in faith, not shifting away from the hope given in the good news that we have heard. We believe it! Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Leader: God, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) OFFERTORY / DEDICATION:

*CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God (PH #555)

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE: (please stand as we bless each other)

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Grieg Lyric Piece

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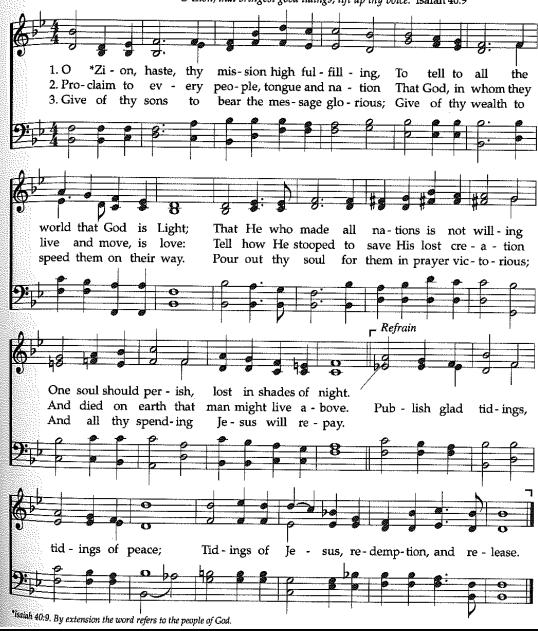
O Zion, Haste 443

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice. Isaiah 40:9 1. O *Zi - on, haste, thy mis-sion high ful - fill - ing, To tell to all 2. Pro-claim to ev - ery peo-ple, tongue and na - tion That God, in whom they 3. Give of thy sons to bear the mes-sage glo-rious; Give of thy wealth to world that God is Light; That He who made all na-tions is not will-ing live and move, is love: Tell how He stooped to save His lost cre - a - tion speed them on their way. Pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious; _ Refrain lost in shades of night. One soul should per - ish, And died on earth that man might live a - bove. Pub - lish glad tid-ings, And all thy spend-ing Je - sus will re - pay. tid - ings of peace; Tid-ings of Je - sus, re-demp-tion, and re-lease.

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