

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 – Forever (Chris Tomlin) - Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67 CEB)

Leader: Let God grant us grace and bless us;

All: let God make his face shine on us, so that your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.

Leader Let the people thank you, God!

All: Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth.

Leader: Let the people thank you, God!

All: God blesses us—our God blesses us! Let the far ends of the earth honor him.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come inside from a noisy world filled with distractions to give you our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: I Sing the Almighty Power of God (PH #288)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

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

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have broken your law by worshipping false gods of prosperity, comfort and success at the expense of others. We have not loved our neighbors and we have too often refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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

*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: *American Idol Auditions*

SONG OF PRAISE: God, Whose Giving Knows No End (PH #422) verse 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Acts 14: 1-20**

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 Keeping it Humble

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said (PH #393)

* 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: Lift High the Cross (PH #371)

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

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Grieg Lyric Piece

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