

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: Bach Prelude in C

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: Your Only Son (Lamb of God) - Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

All: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

Leader: You have restored our lives;

All: you have rescued us from the grave.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Here I Am, Lord (PH #525)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: When your soul is suffering in silence, you may call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin, first in prayer together, then in silent confession:

All: Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Children of God, rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we 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: One Big Catch

SONG OF PRAISE: Open the Eyes of My Heart – (insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Together let us pray for guidance and understanding, praying together:

All: O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-19

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: "No Going Back"

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HYMN: Be Though My Vision (PH #339)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Brief Statement of Faith sections 1,2 &5: (Please remain standing)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION:

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

*CLOSING HYMN: Lift High the Cross (PH #371)

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

Leader: Christ asks if we love him? If we say yes, he says; "Then care for one another."

This is our opportunity to make a difference, to live lovingly on the frontiers of his bright new world.

All: We cannot promise to do it perfectly, but we can give it a go, relying on his abundant wisdom to take our small love, and fit it into a larger pattern of good for all creation.

Leader: May God bless the world in which you move,

All: and bless your home and bless your friends.

Leader: May God bless the eyes with which you see,

All: and bless the ears with which you listen.

Leader: May God bless the way you use your hands,

All: and bless the way you employ your tongues.

Leader: As a bonus from the living God in Christ Jesus, grace mercy and peace will be yours, today and always. **All: Amen!**

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Bach Concerto Movement in Ab

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