

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 – We Are Called - choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133 CEB)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is

**All: when kindred live together in unity!**

Leader: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

**All: on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing - life forevermore.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (PH #142)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting then in God's mercy, let us confess our sin:

**All: Lord God, you call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are too often content to live in separation. You call your Church to be a beacon of your grace and mercy in the world, but our light is too often veiled by our disagreements. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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: *Let's Make a Deal*

SONG OF PRAISE: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (PH #316)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: **Acts 15:1-21; 30-41**

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)ION

MESSAGE The Art of Compromise

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HYMN: Refiner's Fire - insert

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, (Taken from Ephesians Chapters 2&4)

**Christ Jesus is our peace. In Him, the dividing wall between people is broken down. In Him and through His death and Resurrection, we have become members of the household of God - built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets - with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In Him, we are brought into a holy temple in which we are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**

**So then, putting away all falsehoods, we seek to speak the truth, to avoid sinful disagreements, and to not let the sun go down on our anger. We allow no evil talk to come out of our mouths - but only what is good for building each other up so that our words may give grace to those who hear. We put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander - together with all malice – seeking to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.**

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:

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN: Hymn Amazing Grace (PH #280)

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

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Grieg Lyric Piece

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, September 4, 2022

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| 10:15am | FRIENDSHIP TIME – Food and Fellowship in between services |
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