

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
August 11, 2024
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.
** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Schubert Rosamund Entr'acte

WELCOME

INTROIT: Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

SHEEP PEN: Green Light

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God spoke to Abram asking him to take a risk and leave his homeland.

ALL: Abram went, and so must we saying: *Here I am, Lord.*

ONE: God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, sending him to go and set God's people free.

ALL: Moses went, and so must we, saying: *Here I am, Lord.*

ONE: God's angel spoke to Mary and said: "You will bear the Son of God."

ALL: Mary humbly obeyed, and so must we saying: *Here I am, Lord.*

ONE: Jesus commanded His disciples, even those with doubt, to go and tell others about Him.

ALL: The disciples went and so must we, saying: *Here I am, Lord.*

OPENING PRAYER:

ONE: Let us pray:

ALL: Lord, we've come again to worship you. We've come again to be in your presence; to lift our prayers and songs of praise; to confess our failings and receive your grace; to hear your Word read and proclaimed; to affirm our faith; to offer our time, talent and treasure in your name. Lord, we've come again - so we may be sent out to invite others to know and believe in the life-changing value of our faith in the ever-inspiring name of the Father, Son and... of course... the Holy Spirit! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (GTG 263)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

ONE Let us pray, first in prayer together:

ALL: God of goodness and love, forgiveness and grace – we come again to face the truth that we've all fallen short in our call to live as those who have the Holy Spirit living in us. We've all walked in ways that are contrary to the teaching of Jesus. We've all fallen short of the call to go with God - and to go where God is – choosing instead to stay comfortable and avoid the risk of true evangelism. Forgive us for our sins of omission and our failure to obey the great commission. Help us to get up and go – as faithful disciples so others may be inspired by the courageous proclamation of our faith in word and service. Amen.

ONE: Let us pray now with the Spirit in the stillness of our hearts...

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

ONE: May the Peace of Christ be with us all.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way we feel most comfortable.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

ONE: Let us pray:

ALL: Holy Spirit, illumine our understanding and inspire our response to God's holy word.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 12: 1-4

Matthew 28: 16-20

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Series: *Spirit-Inspired*

MESSAGE: Week 11: We're Outta Here!

HYMN: Lord, You Give the Great Commission (GTG #298)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: Go to the World (GTG #295)

*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE: Schubert Impromptu Bb