

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Liszt Consolation

INTROIT: Be Not Afraid

SHEEP PEN: **Season's Greetings! (Part 1: Hanging of the Purples)**

WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)**

Leader: O God, we lift up our souls and put our trust in you.

**All: Make us to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach us your paths.**

Leader: O God, lead us in your truth, and teach us,  
for you are the God of our salvation;

**All: for you we wait all day long.**

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right,

**All: and teaches the humble God's way.**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but  
did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit,  
that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ  
our redeemer, we pray - Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN: Forty Days and Forty Nights (GTG #167)**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: If we are honest, we all know we've not lived as beloved children of God. But we know that  
when we confess our sin – openly and honestly - we are soaked in grace and assured of God's mercy.  
And so, we pray:

**All: Merciful God, we confess we have too often turned aside from your way. We have failed to  
love you and our neighbor, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Forgive us and restore in  
us your Spirit of compassion and justice-seeking love. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God in Christ is steadfast in love and mercy. So, friends, hear the good  
news of the gospel: In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the sins that bind us.

**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.**

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (GTG #775)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Gracious God, you are our way in the wilderness. We open our lives for your Word to guide  
us through these 40 days of Lent so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**Mark 1: 9-15**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE: Wild Water Ride**

Pastor Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (GTG #618)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **Brief Statement of Faith**

**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. 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 to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

**\*CLOSING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (GTG #687)**

**\*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: Beethoven Piano Sonata 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Movement



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*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,  
and the fellowship of his sufferings. PHILIPPIANS 3:10*

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