

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: **Sheep Pen Season's Greetings! (Part 2: "Spring Time!")**

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship this morning from different places.

**Draw near to us, O God.**

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**Draw near to us, O God.**

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**Draw near to us, O God.**

We hear Jesus' words with different ears when He says:

**"Deny yourselves."**

**"Take up your cross."**

**"Follow me."**

O God, we thank you for drawing near to us  
in this place and in our lives.

**We seek to follow you in all we say, think and do.**

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: The God of Abraham Praise (GTG #49)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused.

Therefore, let us confess our sin – first in prayer together then quietly before God - trusting God's promised mercy:

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world — and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice and peace. **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: My Faith Looks Up the Thee (GTG #49)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: O God, send your Spirit to us to open our hearts that we might discern your Word amid the words of Scripture we read today, so that in hearing your Word we may be formed in the way of Christ for one another and our world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Mark 8: 31-38**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE: Giving Trees

Pastor Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision (GTG #450)

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

**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 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.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: Take up Your Cross (GTG #718)

\*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 (Pathetique) 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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10:15-10:45	Friendship Time
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