

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Beethoven Sonata 17: 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement

INTROIT: Be Unto Your Name

SHEEP PEN: Season's Greetings! (Part 4: Day Light Savings)

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: Come Live in the Light (GTG #749)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Because people love darkness rather than light, God the Son to save us. Let us then uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ. Let us pray:

**All: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we live sinfully and deceitfully. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**All: What great news – in Christ we are forgiven and made new! 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: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (GTG #610)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**John 3:1-21**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE: Up at Night**

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HYMN: Rock of Ages (GTG #438)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: taken from the Confession of 1967:

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God the highest qualities of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

RESPONSE: Merciful God, *hear our prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: My Song is Love Unknown (GTG #209)

COMMUNION PRAYER:

Leader: Holy God, you have fed us all, out of your own generous and gracious hands.

**All: From them, we have received welcome, nourishment, hope, and consolation.**

Leader: May these things grow in us, alongside the gift of faith, so that we may plant their seeds in the world around us.

**All: Through the Holy Spirit, guide us in the week ahead to remember our place in your on-going and light-filled story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God (GTG #643)

\*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

BUCKINGHAM  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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