

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

Welcome - Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE – Scarlatti Sonata in Bb

WELCOME

SHEEP PEN:

INTROIT: *Streams of Living Water*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (**Matthew 6: 1-9**)

Leader: Our Father in heaven,

Leader: Your kingdom come.

Leader: on earth -

Leader: Give us this day,

Leader: And forgive us our debts,

Leader: And lead us not into temptation,

Leader: For Thine is the Kingdom,

Leader: Now -

**All: hallowed be your name.**

**All: Your will be done,**

**All: as it is in heaven.**

**All: our daily bread**

**All: as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**All: but deliver us from the evil one.**

**All: the power and the glory.**

**All: and forever! Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, you are our faithful creator, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: *Forgive our Sins (GTG #444)*

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another – first in prayer together, then in a time of silent confession, one-on-one with God. Let us pray:

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*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

SONG OF PRAISE: *Breathe*

*This is the Air I Breathe (x2)*

*Your Holy Presence Living in me*

*This is my Daily Bread (x2)*

*Your very word spoken to me*

*And I, I'm desperate for you*

*And I, I'm lost without you*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Lord, may your EXTRAORDINARY Word transform our hearts and minds and give us guidance and strength for the living of this day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Matthew 6: 11-13**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Summer/Fall Sermon Series: **EXTRAORDINARY!**

MESSAGE **A Most Extraordinary Prayer - Part 2**

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Emilia Grace Reynard

HYMN: *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (GTG 444)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH taken from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (GTG #394)*

\*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.*

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