

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Date: May 14, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

**Worship Leader: Elder Mel Prestamo**

### GREETING, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, Thank you for this new day. Help me to reflect your love and compassion in everything I do.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** [adapted from Psalm 115]

L: O Lord, not to us but to your holy name do we give glory,

P: We give glory for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

ALL: We will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore we will praise the Lord.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

**Choir and Chime Selection** - "Prayer of St. Francis"

\***HYMN:** Come, Christians Join and Sing, #342

**CALL TO CONFESSION:** [1 John 1]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** [adapted Psalm 115 - Unison]

Creator God, we know that you have made the heavens and the earth and are in control of all the things of this universe. Yet in our daily lives and with our own hands we have placed idols before you. We listen for their voice, but they do not speak to us. We speak to them, but they do not listen. We wait for their hands to cradle us and that with their feet they will walk alongside us but they have abandoned us. Forgive us for forgetting to rely on your steadfast love, only. Father God, forgive us for not putting all our trust in you. Help us to know that you are our shield. Help us to know that you are always mindful of us and that you will always bless those who are mindful of you.

*[a moment for Silent reflection]*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** [Psalm 103]

The Lord is merciful and gracious. The Lord does not keep anger forever. For as the heavens are high above the earth so great is the Lord's steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west the Lord removes our transgressions from us. Know that in the Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

\***GLORIA PATRI**

**WAVING THE PEACE**

**First Reading: Acts 17: 22-28**

**Gospel Lesson: John 14: 15-21**

**SERMON: Jesus' Gift of the Spirit - Elder Mel Prestamo**

**Choir and Chime Selection** - "The Prayer"

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*). The Apostle's Creed

\***HYMN:** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, #147

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\***DOXOLOGY**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\***HYMN:** I Love To Tell the Story, #619

\***CHARGE & BLESSING**

**My Friends, my charge to you this week is that you open yourself up to the Spirit be it a comforter, or advocate, a guide, or helper. Whatever it is you need, the Holy Spirit will be there for you. Know it is there for you because Jesus has promised us that he would not abandon us, that we would not be left alone. Hear now this benediction: May the God that gave you breath and life, bless and guide you on your way, this day and every day.**

\***POSTLUDE**

*\*congregation standing*

**We welcome Elder Mel Prestamo from Budd Lake, NJ. Thank you, Elder Prestamo, for sharing your message and conducting worship with us this morning.**