

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

10:00 AM

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE

*“Dedication”*

Franz

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17: 1-11

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Mark Gaskill

SHARING OUR LIVES

Think of a time when you were perplexed or felt blocked in your path. What did you do to get around the block? Did you pray? Did you panic? Did you have to be patient? Did a resolution appear? If so what was it? If not what other way did you go?

### THE GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We do not come here to be spectators;

**ALL: WE COME HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE MISSION.**

One: We do not come here to stand alone;

**ALL: WE COME HERE TO STAND TOGETHER.**

One: We enter worship as busy, distracted people full of our own wants and needs;

**ALL: IN GOD'S PRESENCE WE SEE THAT WE ARE  
EMPTY VESSELS TO BE FILLED BY THE HOLY  
SPIRIT.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“Redeemed”*

See insert

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE WORD

\*PRAISE

*“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

See insert

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1: 6-14

CALL TO CONFESSION

A Sabbath Poem by Wendell Berry

**A gracious Sabbath stood here while they stood who gave our rest a haven. Now fallen, they are given to labor and distress. These times we know much evil, little good to steady us in faith and comfort when our losses press hard on us, and we choose, in panic or despair or both, to keep what we will lose. For we are fallen like the trees, our peace broken, and so we must love where we cannot trust, trust where we cannot know, and must await the wayward-coming grace that joins living and dead, taking us where we would not go—into the boundless dark. When what was made has been unmade The Maker comes to His work.**

*Silent Reflection*

SERMON

*An Unexpected Journey*

Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SENDING

\*HYMN

*“Here I Am Lord”*

No. 525

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*“March from 'Athalie'”*

Mendelssohn

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

**PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

\*Please stand if able.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION POTLUCK LUNCH**

We are celebrating Reverend Mark's 20 year anniversary of ordination with a potluck lunch after worship today.

### **GSPC GAME NIGHT**

*Thursday, June 8th (last day of school for kids!) from 5-8 PM*  
Cornhole, card games, board game, etc. We want this to be an event that we can invite more than just the GSPC family. Please save this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for a share-able flyer and Facebook post to share with friends and coworkers.

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

We will be celebrating Pentecost on May 28th with an outside service (weather permitting). Please bring a comfortable chair and wear red.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BRUNCH/SECRET PAL REVEAL**

June 11<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour (9 AM) we will celebrate Sunday School teachers and participants and have the Secret Pal Reveal. Watch for a sign-up sheet for the brunch soon.

## **FIRST READING: JOHN 17: 1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## **SECOND READING: ACTS 1: 6-14**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## ***“Build Your Kingdom Here”***

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.  
We are Your Church. We need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your Church. We pray revive this earth.

### **CHORUS**

**Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here! We pray!**

Unleash Your Kingdom's power, reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your Church! We are the hope on earth.

(Repeat Chorus twice)

## ***“Redeemed”***

Seems like all I can see was the struggle  
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past  
Bound up in shackles of all my failures  
Wondering how long is this gonna last

Then You look at this prisoner and to say to me “son  
Stop fighting a fight that's already been won”

### **Chorus**

I am redeemed, You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain  
Now I'm not who I used to be  
I am redeemed.

All my life I have been called unworthy  
Named by the voice of my shame and regret  
But when I hear You whisper, “Child lift up your head”  
I remember oh God, You're not done with me yet.

I don't have to be the old man inside of me  
Cause his day is long dead and gone  
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same  
And a hope that will carry me home.

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are in celebration of  
Al and Rose Flora's 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

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**Today's Volunteers:** *Greeters:* Kriebel Family; *Acolyte:* Ella Luton;  
*Ushers:* Ron Banks and Ted Roorda; *Scripture Reader:* Ted Roorda

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**TODAY**

Sunday School at 9:00 AM  
Worship Service at 10:00AM  
Potluck Lunch After Worship

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. (May 22): 10:30 AM – Crafters  
Tues. (May 23): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study  
Wed. (May 24): 11:00 AM – Wednesday Bible Study  
With Reverend Mark

**COMING SOON**

GSPC Game Night – Thursday, June 8 from 5-8 PM  
Sunday School Brunch and Secret Pal Reveal – June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM



*Worship Service Notes*

***GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

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Doug Ellison (2023)	Mindy Tracy (2024)
Al Flora (2025)	Sandy Webb (2023)
William Wetmore (2025)	