

Sunday, July 18, 2021 – 11:00

Chiming of the Hour (<i>Acolytes enter</i>)		Dr. Gregg Bunn, organist
Introit	“We Are Not Alone” Youth Worship Choir; James Wells, director	by Pepper Choplin
A Word of Welcome <i>ANNOUNCEMENT: Hometown Tour Choir Concert</i>		Rev. Shelby Slowey
*Call to Worship		Rev. Shelby Slowey
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made! People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Leader: This is a day for new beginnings! People: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus. Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship. People: Let us stand and bless the Lord with our heart, soul, and voice. Amen.		
*Hymn 662	“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”	ST. MICHAEL
*Affirmation of Faith 883		Dr. Jim Hughes
We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.		
*Gloria Patri 70	“Glory Be to the Father”	MEINEKE
Act of Praise	“All My Hope” Youth Worship Choir; James Wells, director	arr. Angerman
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer		Dr. Jim Hughes
*Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20-30 (NRSV)		Michael Mattox
20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28 “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30 for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”		
Sermon	“Demonizing Jesus” Critiquing Jesus, Part 4	Rev. Shelby Slowey
Offering		Dr. Jim Hughes

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Rev. Shelby Slowey
*Closing Hymn 529	"How Firm a Foundation"	FOUNDATION
*Benediction		Rev. Shelby Slowey
*Benediction Response	"May the Peace of the Lord"	by Douglas Wagner
(Acolytes depart)	Youth Worship Choir; James Wells, director	
Postlude	"How Firm a Foundation"	by Anna Laura Page
	Dr. Gregg Bunn, organist	

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SERMON REFLECTION

1. What are my biggest take-aways from the sermon?

2. What is God teaching me?

3. What from the sermon can I apply to my life this week?

4. When did I feel most uplifted?

5. When did I feel most unsettled?
