



## **Celebration of Worship**

**Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Florida**

**October 27, 2020 9 a.m. CDT/10 a.m. EDT**

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship

Florence Schreiner and Nelson Cummiskey

Opening Song

*Holy Spirit* (By Francesca Battistelli)

Performed by Beza Alford

### **ASK GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Peri Flanigan

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peri Flanigan

### **HEAR GOD'S WORD READ, PROCLAIMED, AND CELEBRATED**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

*Good Adventure to You*

Rev. Matt Frease

Campus Minister, UKirk Tallahassee

Responsive Song

*Walk* (By Joy Ike)

Performed by Beza Alford

### **RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

**who satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

Brant Copeland, you are coming to the completion of your active service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Your sisters and brothers in this Presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work. We thank God for your dedicated ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch many lives.

Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, as the Presbytery of Florida confers upon you the status, Honorably Retired. While we know this begins a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings, we value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church, using your gifts in meaningful ways. You remain a colleague in ministry, and we will continue to seek your wisdom and your fellowship.

Together with the whole church, you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling, as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your life, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your ministry and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray. Eternal God, through all the years of our lives your love protects and guides us. By your Spirit you call us to varied ministries in the service of Jesus Christ. We praise you for your gifts to your servant Brant Copeland, for his/her faithful proclamation of your Word, his/her administration of the holy sacraments of Jesus Christ, and his/her pastoral care and leadership in the church. Grant to Brant time for refreshment and rest, reflection and rejoicing, and the fullness of your peace.

Through your Holy Spirit bless each of us that we may remember the love of Jesus Christ which unites us in the service of our Lord. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Matt Frease  
Campus Minister, UKirk Tallahassee

Recessional Song

*O Come to the Altar* (by Elevation Worship)  
Performed by Beza Alford