

**THREE CONGREGATIONS UNITED IN ONE FAITH**  
Pilgrim Congregational Church, Union Congregational Church  
Filipino American United Church of Christ  
102-35 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418

✠ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

11:00 A.M

**PRELUDE**

MR. BENJAMIN DIA, JR.  
MS. RACHEL DADAP

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT: "God Is in This Holy Place"** J. BRAHMS

**CALL**

MS. GENEVA B. TUBO

Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.  
***We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.***  
God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.  
***Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.***  
Praise be to God who has called us here.  
***Thanks be to God for God's eternal love.***

\*\* HYMN: "God is Here" [1WR]

\*\* PRAYER

***Dear God, we come into your presence  
because we are called to prayer and praise,  
so that we might discover,  
by drawing closer to your presence, the true source of peace.  
In God's peace we find our strength;  
in God's presence we can meet the difficulties of the world  
and find our way through life and death.  
Though we have trouble, though we suffer and die for love's sake,  
we are coming with Christ into eternal joy,  
where our praise and delight will be perfect forever. Amen.***

\*\* ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE "Bless His Holy Name" [4 WR]

:: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name  
He has done great things, he has done great things,  
he has done great things, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name

**ACT OF CONFESSION:**

Worship is not worship unless we acknowledge our sins before God.  
Let us confess our sins, let us pray:

***When we look at others we so often think our faith is very frail; we do not trust as we should. We find it hard to see how our poverty of spirit can be filled by God's wealth of love and goodness, or to realize the joy of the Spirit meeting us in sorrow.***

We are too weak to be humble; anxiety makes us selfish; fear of other people's unkindness makes us unkind. We cannot trust the motives of our own hearts, and we undermine God's peace. We are not fit to be called your children.

***Yet we know God's mercy on us and its breadth can absorb all we are. May we live lives each day as forgiven people living the way of God, knowing God's hands bear us up.***

HYMN: "Healing Grace" [370WR]

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYERS**

**THE CHURCH IN PRAYER**

RESPONSE: "Into My Heart" [485 WR]

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, come in to stay, come into me heart, Lord Jesus.

**Proclamation of the Word**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

OLD TESTAMENT: *Isaiah 40: 21-31*

✠ GOSPEL: *Mark 1: 29-39*

ANTHEM: "Ever Thankful" BRUCE GREER

SERMON: "He Went Out and Pray" REV. REUBEN D. CEDINO

OFFERTORY MS. BEBIE DEONARAIN & MS. CHARLOTTE TAYLOR

**CALL**

**OFFERING OF TITHES, PLEDGES AND OTHER GIFTS**

DUET: "Come to Jesus" ROCHELLE MERCIDO & DJ CEDINO

\*\* DOXOLOGY

\*\* PRAYER

***We bring our tithes and offerings, O God in support of your life-saving work, of your reaching out to gather close to yourself all who are in need. We offer ourselves as disciples of Jesus - committed to living and loving in his way - to being used for his purposes. Bless these gifts and strengthen us by the power of your Word. Amen.***

# Sacrament of the Holy Communion

MR. MICHAEL DADAP & MS. MARION SCHAAP, *Servers*

## INVITATION

HYMN: *"Come, Share the Lord"* [696 WR]

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER /BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH /SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE/PRAYER

\*\* HYMN: *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"* [477 WR]

## \*\* LITANY:

O God, we ask you to keep us from using prayer as an escape; keep us from the temptation of uttering a few words, in the hope that you will swoop in and do the rest with no further requirement from us.

***May our prayers be a constant, unending rhythm that drives not just our words, but our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions; may we never stop seeking, asking, knocking, pleading for justice, wrestling with your coming reign;***

We pray for our world, may we live lightly on the earth, taking only what we need, and giving all we can;

***We pray for our nation, may we live as good neighbors, protecting the weak and vulnerable, and celebrating goodness and grace wherever we may find it;***

We pray for our community, may we live with open arms and hearts, embracing both familiar companions and unknown strangers, and welcoming all as you do;

***We pray for our friends and families, may we live as those who lay down their lives, selflessly serving those in our care, and always choosing the sacrificial way of love.***

LET OUR PRAYERS BE THE CATALYST THAT CHANGES US INTO LITTLE INCARNATIONS - ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO MANIFEST CHRIST. AMEN.

\*\* CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Go In the Grace of the Lord"* J. BARNARD

Go in the grace of the Lord, Walk in the way of his Word.

Stand in the strength of his promises and believe in your heart they are true. Sit at the feet of the Savior. Pray in the power of the Spirit, Rise and run with patience and go with the grace of the Lord.

Go in hope God's hope. Go in peace, God's peace. Go in joy everlasting joy, as you live in the fullness of his love. Go in the grace of the Lord.

## POSTLUDE

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