



AUGUST 9, 2020

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING PRAYER:

O Lord, we often walk with our eyes downcast, looking down to the path immediately before us, dismayed by the ruts and the obstacles, cursing the heat and the dust.

Through the experience of worship, may we see life in a new perspective. Give us a new challenge, new hope, and a new vision. No matter what the circumstance, may we gain a sense of your presence with us. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. - Isaiah 43:1-2
- In the midst of the storm God is working. God is healing. God is cleansing. God is protecting. God is loving. God is delivering. – Unknown
- Sometimes God calms the storm with a whispered “Peace be still”. God can settle any sea but that doesn’t mean God will. Sometimes God holds us close and lets the wind and waves go wild. Sometimes God calms the storms, and other times God calms God’s child. - Scott Krippayne
- Once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, in fact, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about. - Haruku Murakami

PRAISE SONG: *Hope House* (music at end of bulletin)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Scripture tells us of how Jesus once invited Peter to step out in faith onto the deep waters.

All: We are also invited to step out of our safety and security, and walk toward Jesus.

One: Peter became afraid and, in his fear, began to sink.

All: Like Peter, we see the raging storms of life. We are afraid and cry out, "Lord, save us."

One: The One who has power over all creation comes to save us.

All: In the midst of the storms we are saved by Jesus!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

One: God alone deserves our loyalty and trust, but often our faith sinks and our trust is blown away by the storms of life. Let us tell God of our sins, that we might know forgiveness, and live forever with our God. Join me as we pray, saying,

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER:

All: Too often, Waiting God, we have so little faith that we begin to sink, and we trust the world to save us. We find it so easy to be drawn into the temptations of the world. Our boats seem so sturdy and safe that we hesitate to step out of them into new ways of life.

Save us, Holy God, save us! Reach out your hand to those dying in fear and drowning in doubt and hopelessness. Reach out your hand, as Jesus did to Peter, not because we deserve rescue, but because you love us enough to save us, from ourselves, from sin, and from death. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: We cannot avoid the truth that we are sinners. But the greater truth is that we are forgiven sinners. Through God's love in Christ Jesus, we set aside all that is past, and step out, in courage and faith, into God's future for us.

All: We trust God's promises, we trust Christ's resurrection, we trust the Spirit who works in and through us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: God Will Make a Way (music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33 (The Message)

Walking on the Water

As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-hearted, what got into you?"

The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

MESSAGE: *"Storm Walking With Jesus"*

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Eye of the Storm*

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: We are sent forth from this place to be light, hope, and strength to others, that others may know that there is indeed a way through the storms of life to a safe haven and to a peace grounded in the assurance of God's love. May we forget ourselves long enough and thoroughly enough to be this kind of witness to our neighbor. Always and ever in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner.
Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or
racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning.
Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled.
Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time.
On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker.
Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower
of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box.
Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe
in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus
Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image
and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and
way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light
and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love.
We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure
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We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed.
We are all Beloved. —**You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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Hope House

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle world and call it God's world, where
 Let's build a world where love and mer - cy grow like gar - dens, where

peo - ple don't bul - ly and our hearts are true and kind.
 peo - ple aren't hun - gry and no - bod - y's turned a - way.

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle house and call it Hope House, where
 Let's build a place where we can un - der - stand each o - ther, where

peo - ple aren't greed - y and we leave our fears be - hind.
 an - ger and pre - ju - dice can nev - er rule the day.

Chorus

A lit - tle bit of light in a world full of night. A lit - tle bit of warm

in a world full of storm. A pic - ture of the world we real - ly wan - na see. *Fine*

God is plant - ing hope a - round this world with peo - ple like you and me!

Oh, Let's build a place where the

door is al - ways o - pen, where friend - ship and for - give - ness is sim - ply what we do.

Let's build a place where we learn the art of lov - ing. We

love our friends and neigh - bors and love the strang - er, too.

God Will Make a Way

God will make a way___ where there seems to be no way,___ He
works in ways we can - not see,___ He will make a way for me.____
He will be my guide,___ Hold me close - ly to His side,___ With
love and strength for each new day,___ He will make a way,___
He will make a___ way. 1. 2. He will make a___ way.____

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,