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Introduction: When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

• GATHERING •

Welcome

Gathering Hymn • "Oceans"

Verse 1: Leader only

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

(Refrain)

Verse 2: Leader only

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

(Refrain)

Refrain:



And I will call up-on Your name and keep my eyes a-bove the waves. When o - ceans



rise, my soul will rest in Your em - brace for I am Yours and You are mine.

Bridge: (2x, Leader only 1x)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger, in the presence of my Savior

(Refrain)

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*** Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

*** Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

* **Hymn** • ELW 596: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote | Music: William Bradbury

• WORD •

1st Reading Romans 10:5-15

Reader: Laurel LaBonde

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13 (*Read responsively with leader*)

Reader: Michelle Weymouth

⁸ I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways.

⁹ **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory.**

¹⁰ Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed!

¹¹ **Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven.**

¹² Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

¹³ **Righteousness goes before him as a herald, preparing the way for his steps.**

* Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Response after the announcement: “Glory to you, O Lord!”

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”

Children’s Message

Sermon

“The Little Boat Called Faith” — Deacon Linda Akers

Silence for reflection.

* Hymn of the Day • ELW 768: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *Fine*

VERSES

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me
 2. Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness, be my aid when
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind with -

1. o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy
 2. Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting all my
 3. out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me thy

1. face to see, lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 2. trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 3. ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *D.C.*

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* Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

* **Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Making a Difference Moment: Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Speaker: Pam Cola*)

• **MEAL** •

* **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

* **Words of Institution**

* **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.

Holy Communion

Welcome to God's table, where all are invited to receive communion. Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a wafer from the server and dip it into the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available, or pre-packaged gluten-free wafers and wine are also available at each station.

Come to the Water of Life

1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for
 3 All who are thirst-y for beau-ty, all who are thirst-y for
 4 All who are thirst-y for jus-tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy,
 touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing,
 truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty,
 peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus-tice,

come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
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When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv-er at-tend-eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa-tan should buf-fet, though tri-als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo-ri-ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has-ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor-rows like sea bil-lows roll, what-ev-er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as-sur-ance con-trol, that Christ hath re-gard-ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum-pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help-less es-tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; e-ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford | Music: Philip P. Bliss

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

• SENDING •

* Blessing:

Response: Amen.

* Sending Hymn • ELW 697: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (Verses 1 and 3)

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text and music: North American traditional

Announcements and Dismissal • Response: “Thanks be to God!”

Thank you to Greg & Kelly Winter for sponsoring today’s complimentary coffee and cookies in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.

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 Gene Plampin, Bernie Ruesgen

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