

*** We invite you to stand as you are able**

INTROIT* “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE

We invite all to participate by signing the attendance pad located in each pew. If you are a guest and visiting with us – we are glad you are here.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL*

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance! All are part of the richness of God’s mercy and love for us!

All: God has blessed us in so many ways!

One: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

All: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

One: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love.

All: Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.

HYMN “Here I Am, Lord” Red Hymnal #593

FIRST READING Romans 10:5-10 (CEB)

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: The person who does these things will live by them. But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: Don’t say in your heart, “Who will go up into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “Who will go down into the region below?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down. Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

One: Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Walking on Water and Living to Tell the Tale”
Rev. Kent A. Meyer, Ph.D.

HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” Red Hymnal #156

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we’ve ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed

our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

OFFERING & HYMN

“My Hope Is Built”

Red Hymnal #368

DOXOLOGY*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SENDING & CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION*

All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

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