



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC – “How Great Thou Art”

Handchimes

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Hymnals are available if you like to read notes.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God lifts us from death to life

And preserves us for God’s purposes.

Through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

And the guidance of the Holy Spirit

With thanksgiving, we praise the Lord!

HYMN* “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in the face of injustice that holds them captive. Please lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love of neighbor.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – Romans 10:5-15

Sandi Webster

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handchimes Choir

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

GOSPEL* – Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Boating with Jesus” Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. Christ calls us to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

Save us, O Lord. We come to you.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN* *“O Lord, You Sent your Friends Out”*

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”

**O Lord, you sent your friends out upon the sea one day,
then you went up a mountain to be alone and pray.
But soon their boat was shaken**

by mighty winds and waves.

**They fought the storm that threatened
and prayed to God who saves.**

**Soon, early in the morning, they saw you on the sea.
They thought a ghost was with them
and cried out fearfully.**

**"Don't be afraid," you told them, "for it is I," you said.
You stayed with them and helped them
when they were filled with dread.**

**"If it is you," said Peter, "Just give me your command
and I'll walk on the water as if it were dry land."
He bravely went to meet you, but soon he sank in fear.
He found it hard to trust you when danger was so near.**

**You reached your hand to Peter and then you stilled
the storm.**

**They worshiped you in wonder as wind and
waves grew calm.**

**May we your church have courage to trust in you alone.
In you we find safe passage and you will bring us home.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

**Go with God, Go with God
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way,
God will light every day.
As you leave this place, go with God.**

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POSTLUDE *(please remain seated)*

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN *(everyone is invited!)*