



August 13, 2023
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas

Pre-Service

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
Ian Wherry
Jaron Marcus

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

"Jesus Name Above All Names"
Naida Hern
Jaron Marcus

CENTERING WORDS

Jesus called to his friends as they were rocked by fear: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Find shalom and rest in the midst of daily anxiety.

Welcome and Announcements

Bev Thompson

Introit

"Clap Your Hands All You Nations"
John L. Bell
Mixed Vocal Ensemble
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

O give thanks to the Lord!

Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

Sing to God, sing praises!

Rise up your song in our souls.

Tell of God's wonderful works!

Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

We grow strong in your power and might.

Remember all that God has done!

You shape our lives through every challenge.

Praise the Lord!
We praise you, Lord!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 287 (vv. 1, 3)

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

It seems so easy to get into the boat and set sail on our journey, God of Promises. But when the winds of change begin to blow, we want to turn around and head back to the past's safe harbor. When sin's waves crash over the side, we try to wrap ourselves in the cloak of pride thinking we will not get wet. When Jesus calls to us to get out and follow in faith, we look around, hoping he is not speaking to us.

Swamped by our fears, and sinking in doubt, we long for someone to help us - so save us, Holy One, save us! Stretch out your hand, so we might be lifted from our despair to hope, from our worries to trust, from our foolishness to faithful living. Then, we will dare to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, even if it means getting out of the sheltered lives we have built for ourselves. Amen

(silent confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

In confessing that Christ is Lord, we let go of the past, and turn to God's future. We step out of our fears, and walk into the light and life offered by our God. In trusting Christ's resurrection, we trust all of God's promises, letting the Spirit work in and through us, healing and making us whole.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Sung Response (Hymn No. 447)

“We Are Forgiven”

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 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) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (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 word of faith that we proclaim), 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. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 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. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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? 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!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Anthem

"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"

arr. Linda Spevacek

Mixed Vocal Ensemble

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Second Lesson

Matthew 14: 22-23

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

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,

“You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Rocking the Boat”
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Affirmation of Faith

(From a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Take My Life and Let It Be”
Henri Malan
Jaron Marcus

*Doxology (Hymn No. 607)

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

By sharing the cup and the loaf, we recall God's everlasting covenant with us.

Special Music

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Barbara Hamm

Mixed Vocal Ensemble & Congregation

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Meredith

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you!

And also with you!

People of God: lift up your hearts to the One
who invites you to daring discipleship.

**We lift our hearts to the One
who calls us out of our comfort zones.**

People of God: give thanks to the Lord our God.

**We sing praises to the One who
enables us to walk the paths of pilgrimage.**

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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

"Picardy"

Charles Callahan

Brad Stipcak, Organ

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Sending Hymn No. 361

“O Lord, You Sent Your Friends Out”

(TUNE: AURELIA)

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

- (1) 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.**
- (2) 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.**
- (3) "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.**
- (4) 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 Blessing

*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

“Amen”

*Postlude

“Live Into Hope”
from “Music Sacra”
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:
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Bev Thompson, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music
Jaron Marcus, Piano
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