

Sunday August 9th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God's holy name

All: Rejoice in the Lord. God fills our hearts with joy.

One: Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim God's mighty works.

All: Rejoice in the Lord. God's miracles are a wonder to behold.

One: Give thanks to the Lord. Trust in God's salvation.

All: Rejoice in the Lord. God turns even our failings into glory.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Eternal God, you visit us in dreams, offering us glimpses of new possibilities. Rescue us from life's storms and lift us from the raging waters. Be with us now, wherever we are, as we call on your name. Reveal your purposes for our world, that we may be of use and service. Bless us with the courage to spread your word to all who haven't yet heard it. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 372 "Though I May Speak"

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37: 1-8, 12-28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

God of infinite possibilities, we are like a boat that is beaten by the storm: without your aid we are powerless to get where we are going. We are like disciples who sit in fear for their lives: without your presence we are trapped within the prison of our feelings of helplessness. We are like those lost in wonder and disbelief: without your assurances we quickly drown in our hopelessness and despair. Grant us the courage of Peter to believe that through your power anything is possible. Give us the confidence of Joseph to live as dreamers, even when the world turns against us, that we may always be found faithful. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Christ's love is greater than our deepest failings. Scripture says no one who believes in him will be put to shame.

All: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Amen.

Anthem: ELENYI – “*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*”

Message: Reach Out, I'll Be There

Hymn: VU 371 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

The Offering

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

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 422 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: *Violent Femmes* – “Jesus Walking On The Water”