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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Week of August 13th, 2023



Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

Community Prayer

Through the storms of life, O God,
you are with your people
in the person of Jesus your Son.

Calm our fears and strengthen our faith
that we may never doubt his presence among us
but proclaim that he is your Son,
risen from the dead,
living for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to
Worship from the live-streamed worship
service on Sunday.

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the
dreamers, as well as the doubters:

Many: here, the worriers and wanderers can
call on God by name.

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to
step out of comfort into the unknown:

Many: here, in this faith space, we will find
the courage to cry out, "God, save us!" in
every situation.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“Living Big”

"Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid." With these words, Jesus greeted the disciples who were in the boat being tossed around by the stormy sea. They were the very first words out of Jesus' mouth during this encounter. You see the disciples were scared because Jesus was walking on the water toward the boat--not your everyday event--and the disciples responded with these words: "it's a ghost!" It was completely understandable, because the disciples were filled with fear and their imaginations were on overdrive. Jesus knew they needed to hear those first words of comfort ASAP: words of reassurance, "do not be afraid" for it is I, your friend. How often we need to hear those words as well: words of comfort and assurance. Into those difficult situations you and I face, Jesus is coming to us--across the scary distance that separates us from him--and says "it is I, fear not." Hearing those words, and believing them, allows us to endure during the darkest of times, and allows us to live big. Join us for worship Sunday where we'll explore this passage and be fed and rejuvenated by the Word, music, table and fellowship. We'll see you there!



Scripture Reading

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,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips 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 and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 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!'

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the 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 towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, 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 towards 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 worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Prayers & Praises

August 13, 2023

Song of the Week

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- **Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Lois Frogge. Lois passed away August 1. Her memorial service will be Friday, August 18 @ 10:30 in the Sanctuary with a luncheon following in the gym.
- Nicole Lee, prayers for strength, Mother of Leigh Lestina
- Tito Vigan, continue to gain mobility and strength as he recovers from a spinal stroke. Sara Mason's husband

Friends:

- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Peru Community Church, Rev Ray and Rev. Becky Girard

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries serving in Zimbabwe

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand shall save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their
darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your
people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their
hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your
people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your
people in my heart.