

Congregational Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "He Touched Me" (UMH 367)

Children's Time Ginger Frizane

Blessing of Backpacks

Scriptures

Kathi Schutz

Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountain-side by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by 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 deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Walking on Water" Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

Lori Conyers's Parents, Dolly Grams, and Corey Smidt's family.

This week's birthdays: Keven Schutz Corey Smidt
Lena Choi

This week's anniversary celebrations:

Dave & Jane Craig—42 years
Tony & Julie Ratka—25 years
John & Patricia Mullin—54 years

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH 94)

Offering Prayer

We give thanks to you, Holy God, and call upon your name. You have done mighty and gracious deeds among all peoples. We sing praises to you; we tell of your wonderful works. We glory in your holy name and our hearts rejoice in you. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (UMH 474)

Benediction

You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

Postlude

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2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

What a wonderful Sunday! Welcome! Let us all eagerly join together in praying, singing, sharing and listening as we worship before God.

*As the school year starts this Thursday, we will have a time today to bless your kids' backpack during worship. If your family attends the online worship, please prepare their backpack after the children's sermon.

*We have sent a survey regarding to Covid-19 to your home along with the August newsletter. This survey is very important for us to communicate with each other. Please return to the church by mail or drop in the box by the Northwest door.

*Please continue to support us with food pantry items, as many people in our town are experiencing difficult times.

Call to Worship

L: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

P: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.

L: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

P: Lord, help us hear your voice.

L: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

P: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. AMEN.