

Sunday Worship

June 20, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Your Love Never Fails* McLarney & Skinner
CCLI #5337172

The Call to Worship

The Winds and the waves are no match for our God.

Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calms to the storm.

In the midst of the storms of our lives,

Let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise *When the Morning Stars Together* 486
(verses 1 & 4)

The Call to Confession

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another.

The Prayer of Confession

O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a glimpse of our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your mercy. Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, make us agents of your reign.

Hear us Lord, as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen!

The Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and Brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Response *Sanctuary* CCLI #24140
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Special Music *Whispering Love* Hawthorne & Wood
Billie Bauer, Piano

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-11

The Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41

The Sermon "Storms of Life" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.54-55)

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumphant of God. Amen!

The Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* 361
(verses 1 & 4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Job 38:1-11

Good News Translation

38 Then out of the storm the LORD spoke to Job.

² Who are you to question my wisdom
with your ignorant, empty words?

³ Now stand up straight
and answer the questions I ask you.

⁴ Were you there when I made the world?
If you know so much, tell me about it.

⁵ Who decided how large it would be?
Who stretched the measuring line over it?
Do you know all the answers?

⁶ What holds up the pillars that support the earth?
Who laid the cornerstone of the world?

⁷ In the dawn of that day the stars sang together,
and the heavenly beings^[a] shouted for joy.

⁸ Who closed the gates to hold back the sea^[b]
when it burst from the womb of the earth?

⁹ It was I who covered the sea with clouds
and wrapped it in darkness.

¹⁰ I marked a boundary for the sea
and kept it behind bolted gates.

¹¹ I told it, "So far and no farther!
Here your powerful waves must stop."

Mark 4:35-41

Good News Translation

Jesus Calms a Storm

³⁵ On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. ³⁷ Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. ³⁸ Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"

³⁹ Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ But they were terribly afraid and began to say to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"