



Sunday, August 13, 2023
11th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 10 am
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
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*VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community*
*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring*

All Means All

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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Praise Team

You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry,
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*Where oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine.*

And grace abounds in deepest waters;
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start
now.

*So I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*Where oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine...*

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without
borders.

Let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander,

and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. {Repeat sec-
tion 2x}

I will call upon Your name.

Keep my eyes above the waves.

My soul will rest in Your embrace.

I am Yours, and You are mine.

Trust in You

Michael Farren, Lauren Ashley Daigle, & Paul Mabury

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Letting go of ev'ry single dream,
I lay each one down at Your feet.
Ev'ry moment of my wandering
never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess.

My hands are weary, I need Your rest.

Mighty Warrior, King of the fight,

no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains,
I'm needing You to move,*

When You don't part the waters,

I wish I could walk through,

When You don't give the answers

*as I cry out to You,
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings;
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So, in all things be my life and breath.

I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less.

*When You don't move the mountains,
I'm needing You to move,*

*When You don't part the waters,
I wish I could walk through,*

*When You don't give the answers
as I cry out to You,*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.
I will trust in You.*

You are my strength and comfort,

You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand.

Your ways are always higher,

Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go

You've not already stood.

*When You don't move the mountains,
I'm needing You to move,*

*When You don't part the waters,
I wish I could walk through,*

*When You don't give the answers
as I cry out to You,*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.
I will trust in You.*

Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgeworth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life.
Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to
pray.*

*Let's get washed by the water,
washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
You will leave changed.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame,
drowned in the streams
that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life.
Oh, oh.

{Repeat Chorus}

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down.

{Repeat Chorus}

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.
Down, down, down to the river.
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

Kid's Time Todd Popham, Lay Leader

- Announcements -

Jesus Calls Us

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 / William H. Jude, 1874

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

Jesus calls us! By Your mercies,
Savior, may we hear Your call,
give our hearts to Your obedience,
serve and love these best of all.

Morning Prayer

David Streit

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

~ Lesson ~

Matthew 14:22-33

Dorothee Mumford, reader

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."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Secure

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by Craig Courtney ©2009
Chancel Choir

A storm is raging, Lord.

The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail.

The wind is blowing, Lord.

I cannot hold the course against the gale.

The light'ning strikes on ev'ry side,

Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

Your hand alone can hold the tide,

Lord, rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord.

The boat is taking water, going down.

Part the waters, Lord.

I long to plant my feet on solid ground.

***Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea,**

Your hand is reaching out to me,

I know that You have heard my plea,

My hope is sure. {Repeat verse - Repeat to *}

I am secure. I am secure. I am secure!

Prayer

Dorothee Mumford

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

CORNERSTONE

Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, & Jonas Myrin

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My hope is built on nothing less

than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name. *{Repeat verse}*
Christ alone, cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.
Christ alone, cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.
He is Lord, Lord of all.

Christ alone, cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

Then He shall come with trumpets' sound,
oh, may I there in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone
– faultless, stand before the throne.

Benediction

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{Repeat Chorus}

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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 13, 2023

CONCERNS:

To the victims of the weather outbreaks across the US

The People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Beebe Hospital Staff

J1 Students

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

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Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg

Judy Buchanan

Babs Kulbalba

Tim Bush

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew\

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Vicki Gordy-Stith

Tom Groff

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Carmela Heelan

Barb Henriksen

Ray Hilt

Donna Hitchens

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

Deb Hunt

Ted Kerwin

Chole Kincaid Kream

Laurie Kubler

Nancy Lathbury

David & Sue Laverty

Tyler Lewis

Robert Lewis

Lorretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Ryan Martin

Brenda Milbourne

Karen Mitchell

Ann Paulen

Bob Paulen

Ron Paxton

Glenn and Sandy Pierce

John Riley Spillane

Charlie Reynolds

Carl Richards

Betty Robbins

Sandy Roca

Caitlyn Roche

Peter Rupperecht

Sandi Russell

Dorothy & John Sadler

Irene Saffrit

Tom Saffrit @Harbor Health
Ed Scarborough
Dianne Shearon
Susan Shollenberger
Fred and Sharyn Smith
Ray Sonderfan
Rob Socorso
Paul Streit
Cheryl Tarlecky
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
Renee Toney
Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Amy Wall
Wanda Walton-Hummel
Gordon Weber
Michael Wills, Sr
Carol Wine
Dan Wine @Polaris, Milford
Charlotte Woods
Claire Worrall
Janet Yabroff
Michelle Yates
Susan Yates
Jean Young

Continued Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Home-
bound, Hospice or in Long Term Care

Donna Blomquist, The Moorings
Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine
Linda Rooney
Barb Rowe, Renaissance
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler

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Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

Doug Yetter and Murray Archibald

Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

Mickie McManamon, Dee Speck and Holly Reynolds

Attendance last weekend, August 6, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
230	200	4	25	459

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