

August 13, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** [Lyrics are “Stand by Me”, Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906]

Leader: “When the storms of life are raging, stand by me”

People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

Leader: “When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea”

People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn #43:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33 Jo-Anne Fournier

Special Music Carol Bellamy

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.

Sermon: “Taking the Risk”

***Hymn #472:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn #493: "O Jesus I Have Promised"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Liturgy source: Nancy C. Townley was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.