**First Free Methodist Church of Saginaw**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023



*“But when he noticed the wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’”*

*(Matthew 14:30)*

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**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*spoken responsively*)

L: Holy Jesus, our rock and our salvation

**P: Direct our ways in your holy light O Lord**

L: Send out your light and your truth

**P: Let them lead me to your holy hill**

L: We will build a life of faith in God

**P: Let it bring me to your dwelling O God**

L: O Lord, show us your ways

**P: O Lord increase our faith**

**\*Opening Song:** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #59 (vv.1-3,5)

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing**

**Your festal banner wave on high**

**The cross of Christ your King**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing**

**With all the angel choirs**

**With all the saints on earth**

**Pour out the strains of joy and bliss**

**True rapture, noblest mirth!**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing**

**Yes, on thro’ life’s long path**

**Still chanting as ye go**

**From youth to age, by night and day**

**In gladness and in woe**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing**

**Praise God, who reigns on high**

**The Lord whom we adore**

**The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**One God forevermore**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

L: O Lord, we ask of you, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of your holy name. For you never fail us to help and govern those who you have set upon your sure foundation of your loving-kindness. May we proclaim your grace with truth and boldness as we minister your justice and compassion. May our faith be steadfast, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples…

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Congregational Song:** “Oceans”

**You call me out upon the waters**

**The great unknown where feet may fail**

**And there I find You in the mystery**

**In oceans deep**

**My faith will stand**

**And I will call upon Your name**

**And keep my eyes above the waves**

**When oceans rise**

**My soul will rest in Your embrace**

**For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters**

**Your sovereign 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**

**When oceans rise**

**My soul will rest in Your embrace**

**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 Saviour**

**Oh, Jesus, You're my God!**

**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**

**Affirmation of Faith:** Wesleyan Prayer

**P: I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You; exalted for You or brought low by You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. Amen.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Gospel Lesson**: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he sent the crowds away. And after he sent the crowds away, he went up the mountain by himself to pray; when evening came, he was there alone.

But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. And early in the morning he came to them, walking on the sea. 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 courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

He said, “Come.”

And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and took hold of him, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. And those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son.”

**Sermon:** Case Study “Trust”

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in Your Mercy…

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Hymn of Response:** “Great is thy Faithfulness” #44

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father**

**There is no shadow of turning with Thee**

**Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not**

**As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see**

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest**

**Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see**

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**

**Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide**

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow**

**Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see**

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Invitation of Offering**

L: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of we do not see. Let us throw off every weight that hinders and entangles us. Live in faith, as we collect this morning’s tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “His Name Is Wonderful” #149

**His Name is Wonderful, His Name is Wonderful**

**His Name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord**

**He’s the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all Ages**

**Almighty God is He**

**Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him**

**His Name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord**

**He is the mighty King, Master of everything**

**His Name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord**

**He’s the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all Ages**

**Almighty God is He**

**Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him**

**His Name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord**

**\*Benediction**

L: God has made its name known to us through the Apostles. The faith of those who intercessions and actions have spread the word by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let your faith continue to grow to increase the God’s kingdom. Go in peace to love and serve. Amen.