

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 107)*

One: They saw the deeds of the Lord.  
**All: They cried to the Lord from their distress.**  
One: The Lord made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
**All: Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and God brought them out from their trouble.**  
One: Consider the steadfast love of the Lord.  
**All: Praise God for God's wonderful works.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" GtG 8

One: Eternal Father, strong to save,  
**All: whose arm has bound the restless wave,**  
One: who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
**All: O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

One: O Savior, whose almighty word  
the wind and waves submissive heard,  
**All: who walked upon the foaming deep,**  
One: and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
**All: O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

One: O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the chaos wild and rude,  
**All: and bade its angry tumult cease,**  
One: and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
**All: O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

One: O Trinity of love and power,  
**All: all travelers guard in danger's hour;**  
One: from rock and tempest,  
**All: fire and foe,**  
One: protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
**All: thus evermore shall rise to thee**  
**glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Saving God,**  
**we confess that our faith is too small,**  
**our fear is too great.**  
**When we are overwhelmed,**  
**we think you do not care enough for us.**  
**When life is uncertain and risky,**  
**we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.**  
**Even when you move among us in powerful ways,**  
**we question who you are.**  
**Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.**  
**Draw us back into your steadfast love**  
**and teach us to trust in your power to save**  
**Guide us in every circumstance**  
**and shape us into the likeness of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the strength of the Lord Almighty we confide.  
**All: In the mercy of God we trust.**  
One: By the power of God we are restored.  
**All: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we are renewed.**  
One: So rejoice and celebrate this day!  
**All: For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are given new**  
**life. Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)*

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 4:35-41

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “A Stormy Journey to ‘the Other Side’” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** To you we pray:...  
**People:** ...Mighty and Merciful God, hear our prayer.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**For your power to save and the grace to want to, we give you thanks,  
O God. Accept the gift of our hearts and the offering of our lives, that your  
will may be done and your love be abundantly shared. In Christ's name we  
pray. Amen.**

### SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Be Still, My Soul" GtG 819

**1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**Pastor:** ...And let the gathered people of God say...

**People:** ...Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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