

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

PRELUDE

Prelude in A, BWV 536

Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship our God,
who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

**People: We gather to follow Jesus,
who encourages us to never fear, for he is near.**

Leader: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,
who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.
Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

3 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

God of silence and seas, In truth, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheer silence singing your shalom to us.

Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Immediately, immediately! your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.

People: Thanks be to God! We are not left alone but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI 581

Greatorex (1816-1853)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

22Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." 28Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON

The Wind Was Against Them

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *Because He Lives* Gaither (b. 1936)
Paul Jones, soloist

1 God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

3 And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!
[Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology Hymn 606*

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Precious Lord

1 Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand let I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C* Foote (1853-1937)

Looking Ahead!!!!
Themes: Forgiveness
The Love of God

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Nancy Vilain, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzler (Joyce Tipton), Grayson Coleman, Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

Deadline for CAT survey is Friday August 14, 2020

