



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Piano Duet on "How Firm a Foundation"

Early American, arr. Mark Sedio

OPENING DIALOG (based on Job 38 and Psalm 8)

Choral Invocation: "Calm to the Waves" (quartet)

O Lord, our Lord:

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:1)

And God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind:

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me if you know.

On what were its footings sunk; who laid the cornerstone, while the morning stars sang together and the divine beings shouted? Tell me if you know.

When I look at your heavens, at what your fingers made – the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place – what are human beings that you are mindful of them – that you pay attention to them?

Choral Response: "Calm to the Waves" (quartet)

In your lifetime have you commanded the morning, informed the dawn of its place so that it would take hold of the earth by its edges and shake the wicked out of it?

Have you surveyed the earth's expanses and sought out the road to the place where light dwells?

You have made us slightly less than divine, crowning us with glory and grandeur. You have give us to rule over your handiwork, putting everything under our feet – sheep, cattle, wild animals, birds of the air and fish of the sea.

Have you gone to the sea's sources, walked into the chamber of the deep? Have death's gates been revealed to you? Have you surveyed the world's expanses?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Choral Response: "Calm to the Waves" (quartet)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON READING

Luke 8:22-25

Today's sermon reading is from the gospel of Luke:

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

CHORAL RESPONSE *(by the quartet)*

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks that these delightful people seek to join this faith community, especially in this time during the pandemic. A Zoom gathering was held to welcome and connect with these new members:

Brad and Barbara Anderson
Collin Anderson
Wayne and Maryellen (Meg) Gisslen
Dennis (Denny) and Joan Prescher
Rodney (Rod) and Lynn Schaefer
Sam Sheffield
Derrick West

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love . . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

. . . all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

(Hymn) 796

Stanzas 1-2: Quartet, Stanzas 3-4: All

How Firm a Foundation

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand;”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach

PREACHING Pastor Melissa Pohlman
PRESIDING Pastor Stephanie Friesen
ASSISTING Seminary Intern Sarah Hanson
ORGANISTS Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio, Isaac Drewes
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Chancel flowers this weekend are given in celebration of Muriel Dostal's 95th birthday on July 28. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.