

June 24, 2018
Pride 4 “Faith”

First Reading ~ Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat where he was sitting. There were other boats with them. Then a great gale arose, and the waves started splashing into the boat so that the boat was quickly filling up. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, asleep on a cushion. They woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Jesus woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind dropped, and everything was perfectly calm. Jesus said to the disciples, “Why were you so afraid? Have you no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Second Reading

~ adapted from Karoline Lewis in “The Other Side”

If left to our own devices, we’d rather stay where we are. That’s human nature. But it also seems to be the nature of faith. How easy it is to stay in our comfort zones, to default to our pet theologies, to remain in what is known, even though that which is known has become unbearable. We would rather ignore the desperate need for change than make the change happen. Change, trading spaces, is rarely without its challenges.