

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Prayer

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

**People: God, hear my cry and save me!**

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

**People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.**

Leader: God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs.

**People: You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life.**

Leader: Encourage us to reach out for help when we need it so that we can come through our difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love.

**People: God gently guides us to safety and peace as we worship you this morning. Amen!**

### Opening Song

#### "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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### First Reading

#### Romans 10:5-13

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### Gospel Reading

#### Matthew 14:22-33

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### Gathering Song

#### "Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race"

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### Sermon

#### "Jesus Saves Me"

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

### Prayers of the People

#### (Join us in singing when invited)

*Not my father, nor my mother,*

*But it's me, O God, Standing in the need of prayer;*

*Not my father, nor my mother,*

*But it's me, O God, Standing in the need of prayer.*

*It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;*

*It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.*

And, now, we will rise as we are able and pray the prayer  
Jesus taught us, saying...

*Our Creator, who art in heaven*

*Hallowed be Your name*

*Your kingdom come Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven*

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses*

*As we forgive those who trespass against us*

*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen*

### Offering

### Offertory & Doxology

#### Join us in singing

*I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,*

*I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.*

*I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,*

*I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.*

### Communion

### Invitation

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing the Communion Song when invited

*Make us One, Lord, Make us One,  
Holy Spirit, Make us One Let Your love flow  
So the world will know, We are One in You*

### Closing Song

#### "A Shelter In The Time Of Storm "

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### Benediction

## Lyrics

### **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, A Bulwark Never Failing,  
Our Present Help Amid The Flood Of Mortal Ills Prevailing.  
For Still Our Ancient Foe Does Seek To Work Us Woe  
With Craft And Power Great, And Armed With Cruel Hate,  
On Earth Without An Equal.

And Though This World With Devils Filled Should Threaten To Undo Us.  
We Will Not Fear For God Has Willed The Truth To Triumph Through Us.  
The Powers Of Evil Grim, We Tremble Not For Them;  
Their Rage We Can Endure, For Lo, Their Doom Is Sure:  
One Little Word Shall Fell Them.

That Word Beyond All Earthly Powers Forever Is Abiding;  
The Spirit And The Gifts Are Ours, For Christ Is With Us Siding.  
Let Goods And Kindred Go, This Mortal Life Also;  
The Body They May Kill; God's Truth Shall Triumph Still;  
God's Reign Endures Forever.

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### **"Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race"**

Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race, We Come Together By Your Grace.  
God, Let Us Be A Meeting Ground Where Hope And Healing Love Are Found.

God Let Us Be A Table Spread With Gifts Of Love And Broken Bread,  
Where All Find Welcome, Grace Attends, And Enemies Arise As Friends.

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### **"A Shelter In The Time Of Storm"**

In God Our Rock; In You We Hide, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm;  
Secure Whatever Ill Betide, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land, A Weary Land, A Weary Land;  
O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land—A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

The Raging Storms May Round Us Beat, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm;  
We'll Never Leave Our Safe Retreat, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land, A Weary Land, A Weary Land;  
O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land—A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

O Rock Divine, O Refuge Dear, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm;  
Please Be Our Helper Ever Near, A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land, A Weary Land, A Weary Land;  
O Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land—A Shelter In The Time Of Storm.

## First Reading Romans 10:5-13

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Savior and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Savior is Savior of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of Christ shall be saved."

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### **Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately Jesus directed the disciples to get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while He sent the crowds away. After He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When it was evening, He was there alone.

But by this time, the boat was already a long distance from land, tossed and battered by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night (3:00-6:00 a.m.) Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I! Do not be afraid!"

Peter replied to Him, "Jesus, if it is really You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come!" So Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the effects of the wind, he was frightened, and he began to sink, and he cried out, "Jesus, save me!" Immediately Jesus extended His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those in the boat worshiped Him with awe-inspired reverence, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God!"