



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Air (from Water Music)

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Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of love and power,
we listen to the stories of miracles
and doubt that these things can happen today.
We look at the waves of misfortune,
distress, misery, distrust, and anger
and wonder how we can still those waves.
We feel the pressures of power
and fear flooding into our lives,
threatening to drown us
and wonder where you are.
Forgive us for the littleness of our faith.
Forgive us for our doubts.
Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus.
Help us to fix our eyes on you
and on the ministries to which you have called us.
For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

The Words of Assurance

Fear not! God is with us,
stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives.
Place your trust in God always. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2191

Eternal Father Strong to Save

MELITA

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

The Sermon

Fearing the Right Things

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Emily Downey, soprano
Stephan Casurella

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass came from thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boisterous waves obey thy will,
when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,**

as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

The Hymn No. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

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| 1. Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head. | 2. Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day. |
| 3. Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand. | 4. Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care. |

The Benediction

The Postlude

Hornpipe (from Water Music)

G. F. Handel

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The Benediction

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and
throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

*The altar flowers today are given by the Hundley family
in loving memory of Bob...the best father ever!*

*The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of
Sloane Alice Muse on June 8th.
She is the daughter of Chrissy and Todd Muse,
sister of Desmond and granddaughter of Sharon Steele.*

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ 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?”

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