

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Direction and Piano - Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

There is calmness that comes with faith. When the winds blow and waves threaten the ship of life, we trust in One who will tend our needs. Such care awed the disciples, as Jesus rebuked the wind and ordered the sea to be still. So, we too may turn to Jesus in the midst of the perils of life and hear his "Peace! Be still."

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (William Whiting, words; John B. Dykes, music)

UCSJ CHOIR

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who told the mighty ocean deep its own appointed bounds to keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at your word,
Who walked across the surging deep and in the storm lay calm in sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*Creator Spirit, by whose breath were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
Who made the stormy chaos cease and gave us life and light and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, preserve their lives in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, flood and flame, protect them by your holy name,
And to your glory let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*For God says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!*

2CORINTHIANS 6:2

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from PSALM 9

Pastor: Those who know your name put their trust in you, O Lord.

People: **For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

People: **We will declare your wonderful deeds among all the people.**

Pastor: Let us worship God

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You are great, O God, and deserving of praise. Your works attest to your grandeur; your love exceeds comprehension. Wherever we look, we see signs of your splendor; the good that we do is a result of your grace. You fill your sanctuary with the presence of your Holy Spirit; you send your Word, Jesus, to dwell in our midst. We are surrounded by testimony to your loving goodness; we bow down before you and give you our praise. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (Martin Luther)

CONGREGATION

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

SCRIPTURE PSALM 9:9-20

ROBERT MCDANIEL

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry.

People: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

Leader: As servants of God, we are treated as impostors, and yet are true.

People: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

Leader: We are treated as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

People: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

UCSJ CHOIR

(Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, words and music; Joel Raney, choral setting; John Newton, original text)

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Refrain

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.*

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?"

MESSAGE

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT: *Faith, Not Fear*

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He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"

MARK 4:39

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, as Christ calls us, your Spirit empowers us. We accept your charge to be his ambassadors for peace. Reconciled by Christ to your loving judgment, we will seek to work righteousness through acts of goodwill. Accept our efforts when they please you, and frustrate our attempts when they do not serve you. Lead us in Christ to become worthy disciples, as, filled with your Spirit, we respond to his call. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SENDING SONG* *Blessed Assurance* (Fanny J. Crosby, words; Phebe P. Knapp, music)

CONGREGATION

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

BLESSING AND CHARGE

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: May our Gracious Lord bless you and keep you. And go forth in faith and not fear.
People: **We will go forth in faith sharing the love of God to a world in need.**
All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

PAUL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO



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