

**Pentecost 10A**  
Online & Outdoor Worship Bulletin  
August 9, 2020

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE:**    *Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand*                      by Th. Hoelty-Nickel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

***We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.***

Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

***Lord, help us hear your voice.***

Come, place your trust in Jesus.

***Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives.***

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

***Amen.***

**HYMN**                      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*                      by: I. Watts

***I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.***

***I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them  
good.***

***Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.***

***There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and  
to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get  
rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in***

***fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus.***

(Silent Personal Confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Don't be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven, and loved. Come and live in the love of the Lord.

***We rejoice in the gift of grace that God has given us! Amen!***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 105:1-4, 16-22, 45b Matthew 14:22-33

#### **SERMON**

*The Power of Knowing Our Story*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.***

***We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.***

***We believe in Spirit deep within us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.***

***We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant  
harmonies.***

***We believe in God above, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,***

***We believe in God***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Offertory: *Nocturne in E flat " F. Chopin*  
Prayer of Dedication

by: F. Chopin

## HYMN

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

by: C.H. Scott

*Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.*

***Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!***

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*      by: G. Ph. Telemann

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