

Contemporary Worship

August 9, 2026

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 19



GATHERING MUSIC

How Can I Keep from Singing – Tomlin/Cash/Redman

*There is an endless song, echoes in my soul.
I hear the music ring and though the storms may come,
I am holding on to the Rock I cling.*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.*

*I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,
For I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through,
And sing the songs You give.*

WELCOME

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING SONG *

You Are Holy

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
Verse:	You are holy	You are holy
	You are mighty	You are mighty
	You are worthy	You are worthy
	Worthy of praise	Worthy of praise
	We will follow	We will follow
	We will listen	We will listen
	We will love You	We will love You
	All of our days	All of our days

All sing together

Chorus: **We will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
We will love and adore You. We will bow down before You.
We will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
We will love and adore You. We will bow down before You.
You're our Prince of Peace. We will live our lives for You.**

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HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

Peace Be Still

Peace be still, say the word
and I will set my feet upon the sea
till I'm dancing in the deep.
Peace be still, You are here so it is well.
Even when my eyes can't see,
I will trust the voice that speaks.

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in “Merciful God,”

Assembly: receive our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: **And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

OFFERING

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) – Houston/Crocker/Salomon/Ligthelm

As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.*

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: Gracious God,

Assembly: we confess that we often live as though we are on our own.
We become overwhelmed by fear, distracted by the storms around us,
and hesitant to trust your promises.
Too often we choose comfort over compassion,
judgment over mercy,
and self-reliance over faith.
We have failed to love you with our whole hearts
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We have left undone the good we could have done,
and we have done what we know does not honor you.
Forgive us.
Lift us from the waters of our doubt.
Speak your peace into our anxious hearts.
Renew us by your grace so that we may follow Jesus
with courage, hope, and joy.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available

in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Leader: The table is prepared.
Come, share in the feast.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Communion Meditation – *Prelude in C Major, BWV 846* – J. S. Bach

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse1: Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 Through the storm, through the night,
 Lead me on to the light,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2: When my way grows drear,
 Precious Lord, linger near,
 When my life is almost gone,
 Hear my cry, hear my call,
 Hold my hand lest I fall.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3: When the darkness appears
 And the night draws near,
 And the day is past and gone,
 At the river I stand,
 Guide my feet, hold my hand.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

 Gracious God,
 you have welcomed us to your table
 and nourished us with the body and blood of Christ.
Strengthen us for the journey of faith.
When we are weary, speak to us in your gentle voice.
When fear surrounds us, hold us by your steadfast hand.
When doubt overwhelms us, renew our trust in your promises.
Send us into the world to proclaim your saving love,
 to serve our neighbors with compassion,
 and to follow Jesus wherever he leads,
 until the day we gather with all your saints at the feast that has no end;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: May the God who meets you in the quiet,
the Christ who reaches out his hand in every storm,
and the Holy Spirit who strengthens you for every good work,
bless you and keep you in faith, hope, and love.
May the Lord go before you to guide you,
beside you to uphold you,
behind you to protect you,
and within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

As We Go

As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where You lead.
May we live what we have learned,
Share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.

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DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
Walk by faith,
love your neighbor,
and do not be afraid.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given in memory of his son, Mitch, and his sister, Janet Jennings,
by Paul Hunt.*

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