

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LBW 467

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land to sea.

Welcome and Word for this Day

Psalm 107:1-3;23-32

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.



The Gospel of Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, *Let us go across to the other side.* And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 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?* 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. He said to them, *Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?* 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?*

Prayer of the Day

Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, alt. &
Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies

Jesus, we see you calming storms—
storm-tossed seas and stormy lives.
Grant us your peace and healing.
Give hope to all who are weary.
Give faith to all who doubt.

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our
troubled sea;
Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;
Ever-present God, who fills us with awe
but also raises many questions
without easy answers;
Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,
Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,
Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak.

You are the Prince of Peace.
You are the Resurrection and the Life.
You are strong to save.
Our hope and trust are in you. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristina



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Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the oceans wild;
Boist'rous waves obey thy will
When thou say'st to them: *Be still.*
Wondrous sov'reign 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.

Text: Edward Hopper; **Music:** John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875



Prayers of the Church

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The Mennonite Brethren believe in the one true God, the source of all life, who reigns over all things as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who lovingly cares for all creation. A ministry of the Canadian Conference of MB Churches, the Centre for MB Studies provides resources to Mennonite Brethren churches.

Sources: www.usmb.org and <https://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca/>

Offering/Offertory *Praise and Thanksgiving*

LBW 409

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
 For all things living, created good;
 Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
 Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you,
 That with our neighbor we may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
 Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
 By your wise guiding teach us to share
 One with another, so that, rejoicing
 With us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
 Freely confessing your gracious hand.
 Where all obey you, no one will hunger;
 In your love's sway you nourish the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, alt.; **Music:** Gaelic tune

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love,
 you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from
 idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to
 you, and with the Church through all the ages we give
 thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

The Church of Scotland

Merciful God, we ask that in the silence, you will reveal to each of us the thoughts, words, and actions of this past week which have been unloving and unworthy.

Moment of silence

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

Help us to be truly sorry for the ways we have grieved you and the ways we have wounded those affected by our waywardness.

Give us grace to forgive those who have wronged us.

Give us the will to let go of any hatred or bitterness that we carry.

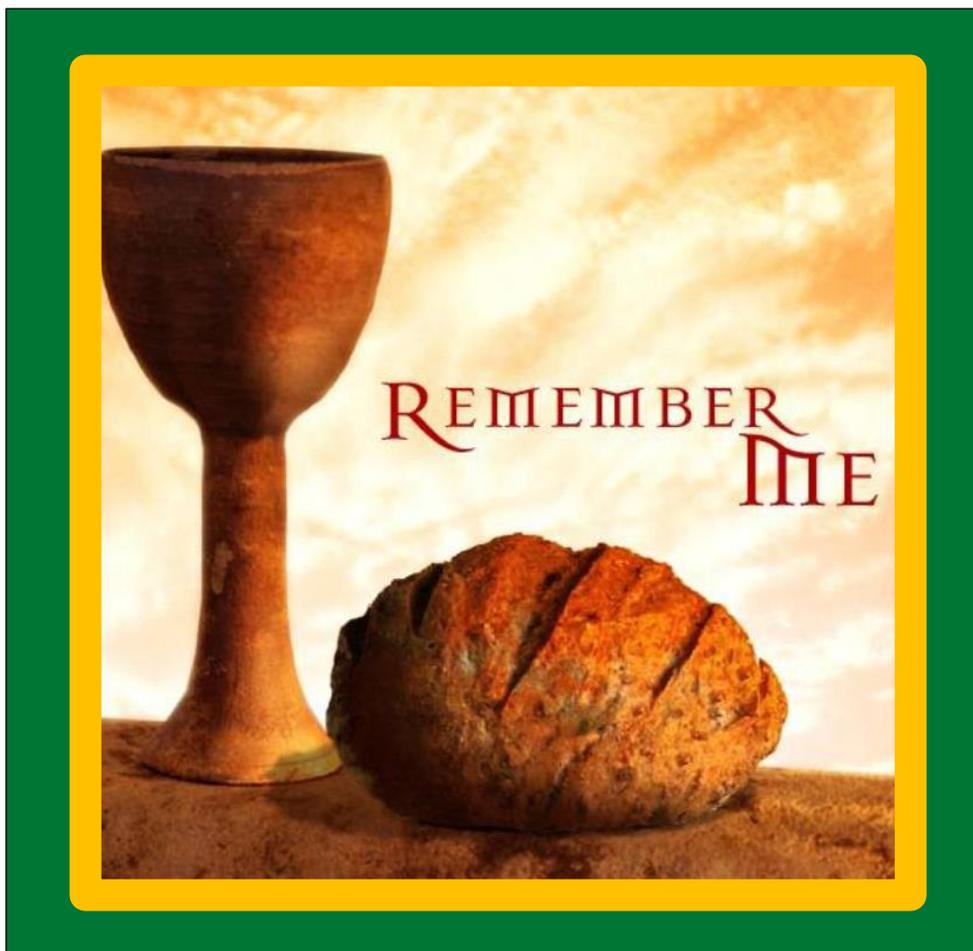
Help us lay down the burden of past failures.

Cleanse us. Restore to us the joy of your forgiveness and point us to the grace that is greater than our guilt.

Absolution

Merciful God grant you pardon and remission of all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all goodness through the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION



Invitation

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
Come to this table where you are known and loved. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Communion Song *This is My Father's World* ELW 824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings
 The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
 The morning light, the lily white,
 Declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
 In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
 He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
 God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock; Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, adapt.

Prayer

Loving God,
 By your Spirit we are born anew,
 and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food.
 Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons,
 shining in the world with your marvelous light,
 until you gather all creation to the heavenly table
 where Christ reigns in glory forever. **Amen.**

Announcements & Thank You

Blessing & Dismissal

Almighty and merciful God, our Peace in the storms of life,
bless and keep you always. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; **Music:** Welsh traditional, arr. hymnal version. Text: © 1983 Concordia Publishing House; Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

Postlude

Faith of Our Fathers

Marilyn J.

Reflection on Faith

I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe. I know what torment this is, but I can only see it, in myself anyway, as the process by which faith is deepened. A faith that just accepts is a child's faith and all right for children, but eventually you have to grow religiously as every other way, though some never do.

What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when, of course, it is the cross. It is much harder to believe than not to believe. If you feel you can't believe, you must at least do this: Keep an open mind. Keep it open toward faith, keep wanting it, keep asking for it, and leave the rest to God.

The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor



June 27 Sunday service:

The last service Pr. Kristina leads, saying goodbye to Kyle Nordine and giving thanks for her time at NRC.

July 4 Sunday service:

The Rev. Gayle Marsh of All Saints, Chris Adams, and Arland Braaten-Lee lead this service. Final goodbye to Pr. Kristina.



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