

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

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 where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, alt. **Music:** John B. Dykes

Greeting & Response

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

And also with you.

Opening Words

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LBW 334

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.

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As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean 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.

Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

I Kings 19: 9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, *What are you doing here, Elijah?* He answered, *I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.* He said, *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.* Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, *What are you doing here, Elijah?* He answered, *I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.* Then the Lord said to him, *Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.*

Gospel of Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, *It is a ghost!* And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, *Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.* Peter answered him, *Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.* He said, *Come.* So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, *Lord, save me!* Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, *You of little faith, why did you doubt?* When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, *Truly you are the Son of God.*

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

When Peace Like a River

LBW 346

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
 It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain:**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain:**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain:**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford; **Music:** Philip P. Bliss

Prayers of the Church

Today we use traditional Gaelic blessings—as shared with us by my Irish friend Ronan Scully—to ask God’s blessings upon you and yours.

Offering/Offertory

*Accept, O Lord,
the Gifts We Bring*

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
To place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought,
But only as we're able.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer; **Music:** English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker

Offering Prayer

Leading in Worship

God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have are yours alone.
Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The bread and wine of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

Come, eat and live! **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. **Refrain:**

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Jesus calls us in, sends us out
 Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
 Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
 God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Refrain:**

Text: Fred Kaan; **Music:** Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
 ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive
 within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in
 his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect
 in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

My Life Flows On

ELW 763

My life flows on in endless song;
 Above earth's lamentation,
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
 That hails a new creation.

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
 While to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
 How can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul.
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

What though my joys and comforts die?
 The Lord my Savior liveth.
 What though the darkness gather round?
 Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain:**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
 A fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am his!
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

Text: Robert Lowry; **Music:** Robert Lowry, alt.

Announcements & Thank You

Thank you to our host congregation, All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Thank you also to Christiana Adams, Rhonda Reece, and Mark Heiman for their service in worship.

Find our bulletin on Fridays at the NRC website:

<https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services>

The NRC Chapel 10:30 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on **Channel 102.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

When Peace Like a River

Rhonda Reece



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