WORSHIP HANDOUT August 23, 2020 Series: Stories from the Ship



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA to have outdoor "office hours" on Wednesdays from 9-12 each week. This week he'll be at the Main Campus under the pop up tent. Next week he'll be at Hathaway.

Drive Through Communion September 6th

Thanks for all the survey responses! We're working to use them to move forward, look for a follow up survey this week so that we can plan more fully how to safely return in person.

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

P: Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

L: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,

P: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

L: Strength is turning a cheek,

P: Strength is loving an enemy.

L: We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength. **All: Amen.**

HYMN

Lonely the Boat 476 v 1,3,4

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

The worst storms, Jesus, are the ones caused

by our fear, when we grow afraid of losing our power, or we grow suspicious of the power of others, when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority;

Yet, it's in the storm that we find our capacity to love. In releasing our weak claim to power and opening to your reign, we discover a new way of seeing ourselves as called and useful and beloved and the other, whoever they may be as dignified and precious and beloved.

Here in the storm, Jesus, we need you, and we need each other, and the love you give us to share, leads us through sacrifice and self-giving to peace and calm, if only we will loose our hold on fear.

Amen.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC) 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 glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I CEB

I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord. I sing your praise before all other gods. ² I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness because you have made your name and word greater than everything else. ³ On the day I cried out, you answered me. You encouraged me with inner strength. ⁴ Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord, when they hear what you say. ⁵ Let them sing about the Lord's ways because the Lord's glory is so great! ⁶ Even though the Lord is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant. ⁷Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again; you send your power against my enemies' wrath; you save me with your strong hand. ⁸ The Lord will do all this for my sake. Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord! Don't let go of what your hands have made.

LESSON 2 CEB

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

³⁷ Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?" ³⁹ He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

⁴¹ Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

L: This is the Word of God for all people. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE	"A sudden storm, a wavering heart"

HYMN

Stand by Me 512 v 1, 3, 4

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; UMH 95

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Prayer: unison)

O God,

we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance.

In offering these gifts,

may we be strengthened to proclaim

your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

God be with you till we Meet Again 672 v 2

God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.