

FOR FURTHER READING

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 2026; 8:15 A.M.

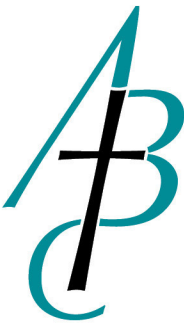
*Lord Jesus Christ,
When the winds rise and fear fills our hearts,
remind us that You come to us across the waters,
speaking peace into our uncertainty.
As You said to the disciples,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid,"
help us to recognize Your presence
in the storms we face today.
When we are tempted to focus on the waves around us,
turn our eyes toward You. Strengthen our faith
when it falters, steady us when we begin to sink,
and hold us fast with Your saving hand.*

Gathering Music		Alyssa Prillaman
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Lorna Fowler
Reflection	<i>"Faith that Moves Mountains"</i>	Media Clip
An Affirmation of Our Faith		Readers
Hymn	<i>"Jesus Calls Us"</i> (To the tune GALILEE)	All Worshipers
Offertory Prayer		Ann Ray
Offertory	<i>"It Is Well"</i> By J.B. Taylor	David Fitzgerald
Blessing of the Students		Lee Ritchie
Pastoral Prayer		Will Raybon
Scripture	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	Hank Niblock
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.		
Song of Faith	<i>"Oceans"</i> (Where Feet May Fail) By Crocker, Houston & Helm	Alyssa Prillaman
Sermon	<i>"Sea Change"</i>	Tyler Tankersley
Practicing the Presence of God		Tyler Tankersley
Hymn 400	<i>"Precious Lord"</i>	All Worshipers
Life of the Church		Lorna Fowler
Blessing for the Playground		Lee Ritchie

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



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PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND LEAD ME ON, HELP ME STAND		
Chiming of the Trinity	Frank Voltz	
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Levi Harrell	
Welcome & Invitation to Worship	Lorna Fowler	
Prelude	<i>"There Is A Balm in Gilead"</i> <i>Arranged by Frank Voltz</i>	Frank Voltz
An Affirmation of Our Faith	Readers	
Reader 1:	We believe in a God who moves mountains with a gentle whisper.	
Reader 2:	We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, Giver of life, and lead water-walker.	
Reader 1:	We believe in the Holy Spirit that moves us, transforms us, and equips us.	
Reader 2:	We believe that God can change us in ways beyond our understanding.	
Reader 1:	We believe that together, we can leave our safe place, conquer the grips of fear, and boldly enter the waves of faith.	
Reader 2:	Today, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, hear His call, step out of the boat, and walk upon the waters!	
Hymn	<i>"Jesus Calls Us"</i> <i>(To the tune GALILEE)</i>	All Worshipers
<i>Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild restless sea, Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying "Christian, follow me!"</i>		
<i>When the storms of life are raging And you find it hard to stand, Keep your eyes upon the Savior, Take your Master by the hand.</i>		

*Will you take that step of faith now,
Trust the Master of the seas;
Leave your boat and walk on water,
Follow Christ where'er He leads?*

Blessing of the Students Lee Ritchie

Leader: God invites you to a fresh start. Every day brings a chance to renew your mind and grow in new ways.

People: **As you learn, create, and explore this year, may God help you make choices that are kind, wise, and full of courage.**

Leader: God is with you in the easy moments and the hard ones. As you meet new teachers, make friends, solve problems, and discover new things, may your thoughts and actions reflect God's love.

People: **You are an important part of God's blessing of your family, your school, and our church.**

Leader: We pray you will think in new ways, trying again, or doing something brave. We are excited to journey with you and pray for you as you grow into the person God is shaping you to be.

People: **Remember that God loves every person in your school and loves you too. We, your church family, promise to pray for you now and during the school year that God would guide your path.**

Pastoral Prayer Will Raybon

**THROUGH THE STORM, THROUGH THE NIGHT,
LEAD ME ON TO THE LIGHT**

Hymn 618 *"Love Lifted Me"* All Worshipers

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.*

<i>Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.</i>		
Offertory Prayer	Ann Ray	
Offertory	<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i> <i>Arranged by Frank Voltz</i>	Frank Voltz
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	Brooke Preslar
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Anthem	<i>"How Firm A Foundation"</i> <i>Arranged by Albert L. Travis/Benjamin Harlan</i>	Summer Choir
<i>(We wish to thank members of the Adult 6 and Adult 2 classes for helping in the summer choir today.)</i>		
<i>How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</i>		
<i>"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."</i>		
<i>"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."</i>		
<i>"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!" Amen, Amen!</i>		
TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD LEAD ME HOME		
Sermon	<i>"Sea Change"</i>	Tyler Tankersley
Time of Response	Tyler Tankersley	
Hymn 400	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>	All Worshipers
Life of the Church	Lorna Fowler	
Blessing for the Playground	Lee Ritchie & Jess Tankersley	
Postlude	<i>"We Shall Behold Him"</i> <i>By Dottie Rambo</i>	Frank Voltz