

# LENT 2 SUNDAY

February 28, 2021

Organ Prelude: Prelude in F major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

On the boat in the lake, Peter saw Jesus walking on the water. He cried out: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ Jesus said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and began to sink...” (Matthew 14: 28-30)

**We who gather to worship are seeking to be called by God, to follow Jesus into a meaningful, purposeful life of fulfillment and service.**

But we are also confronted by strong winds, high waves and stormy currents in life.

**Whatever faith we have sinks in the face of our fears and doubts.**

We gather to worship to rebuild what is broken, to refresh and renew whatever faith has begun in us, to find what we are seeking, to resurrect what has died, to awaken a passion yet dormant and a purpose yet to be discovered or discerned anew.

**We are here to worship God, to be called by Jesus, and to learn how to walk on water.**

**ALL: Let us worship God, together!**

Hymn: “Come sing, O church, in joy!”

No. 757

*soloist and organist Bruce Nasmith*

1. Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through  
the ages long!  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!

2. Long years have come and gone,  
and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision,  
dream the dream!  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!

3. Let courage be our friend,  
let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify  
the Crucified!  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!

4. Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed  
o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Special Music: Exalt the name

Margaret Becker and Mark Hauth

*soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13-33

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against

them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup>He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

WALKING ON WATER

Dr. Harris

Special Music: Alleluia

W. A. Mozart

*soloist Anna Bateman with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "What gift can we bring"

No. 798

*soloist Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith*

1. What gift can we bring,  
what present, what token?  
What words can convey it,  
the joy of this day?

When grateful we come,  
remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer  
in honor and praise?

2. Give thanks for the past,  
for those who had vision,  
Give thanks for the now,  
for study, for worship,

for mission that bids us  
turn prayer into deed.  
who planted and watered  
so dreams could come true.

3. Give thanks for tomorrow,  
full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever  
tomorrow may bring,  
the word is our promise  
always, forever,  
we rest in God's keeping  
and live in God's love.

4. This gift we now bring,  
this present, this token,  
these words can convey it,  
the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come,  
remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer  
in honor and praise!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in F major

J. S. Bach

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