

Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 9, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

The Lord Is My Hope
Christopher Shay, keyboard

Patrick Loomis

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 14
adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

Jesus walks to us over the water.

“Call to us, Lord. We long to be with you.”

Jesus calls to us, “Come! Do not be afraid!”

“Save us, Lord, we’re sinking!”

Jesus saves us from our fears. God delivers us from the storm.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Hymns sung by Venetia and Morgan Phillippe

Watts/Williams

AN ACT OF CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING

CHILDREN’S TIME

led by Toby McGrath

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

led by Rebecca Hibbard

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Rebecca Hibbard
Lessons for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Romans 10:10-15
Salvation Is for All

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus 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.”

HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	Alexander/Jude
SERMON	<i>Come on Out – the Water’s Fine!</i>	Rev. Thomason
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Thomas Dorsey
BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomason
POSTLUDE	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i>	Cesareo Gabarain