

**November 22, 2020**



**YOU**  
**CAN'T WALK**  
**ON WATER**

**IF YOU**  
**DON'T GET OUT**  
**OF THE BOAT**

## Welcome to Worship

We continue to focus on what stewardship and generosity mean within our personal and communal spiritual lives. We know none of us like to talk about money, but what if we talked about how our money also shows the ways we live out our faith? What if we look at a classic story of Jesus and Peter and consider how our expectations must be met with generosity, trust, and faith?

### Prepare your Heart

“Generosity is the predisposition to love open-handedly. Our hands matter, both literally and symbolically. In the open hand, our palms are up and our fingers extended. A closed hand is usually a clenched fist, tightly grasping what it wants to keep or tensely preparing for battle. To be generous requires that we open our hands.”

Gregory Spencer

### Order of Worship

**Bold type** denotes congregation speaking aloud.

Preparatory Music

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH 694  
Dave Ramsey

Welcome

Pastor Sam Fisher

Call to Worship

Joan Foster

**On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God, from generation to generation, we praise your holy name. Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to the next generations, for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives. As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!**

Gathering Hymn

*Come Away With Me*

TFWS 2202 vs. 1, 2, 4

Staying Connected

Recorded by Jeb Barrett

*Wer nur den lieben Gott 1-2 (If you but trust in God to guide you) by Georg Boehm*

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Time of Prayer

Prayer

Time of Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Please begin the Lord's Prayer using whichever metaphor for God works for your theology.*

*In this community, you will hear the traditional "Our Father" but, we also recognize the ways patriarchy is at play so many lead with "Our Creator."*

**Our Creator, 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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*Gather Us In*

C Blanck  
TFWS 2236 vs. 2

Spirit-Filled Reading

Quote from Maureen Johnson

Joan Foster

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33 NRSV

Joan Foster

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."

A Word of God for a people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Expectations"

Pastor Sam Fisher

Response Song (Instrumental)

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Offering

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Prayer of Thanks

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

*We Are Called*

TFWS 2172 vs. 1, 2