



Vestal United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 9, 2020



Welcome
Prelude/Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together to worship God, who comes to us when we least expect it,
People: **who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives and invites us to join the adventure of faith.**
Leader: May God inspire and renew us,
People: **So that we will take a leap of faith and go where God calls.**

Hymn 156 *I Love to Tell the Story*

Signs of Peace

Prayer of Confession

Silence

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, for ever. Amen.

Anthem

First Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5 Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

Children's Message

132 Hymn *All My Hope is Fully Grounded*

Scripture **Matthew 14:22-33**

Message *Jesus Shoes* Mike Willis

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Living the Faith

Offering Ourselves to God Dan Rosenau

2175 FWS Hymn *Together We Serve*

Benediction

420 Congregational Response *Breathe On Me Breath of God* (verses 1 & 4)

Postlude

Prayer of Confession

God, your will is our desire. We want your Word on our hearts and minds. Build in us a knowledge of your will. Make our hearts' desire your heart's desire, then we will rejoice in doing your work. Our trust is in you alone. Use every day of our lives to show everyone around us your love and grace. We may have plans, but the plans of God will prevail. Help us to learn from stories of faith and from the words of Christ. Amen.

Psalm 103:1-5

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits— ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Opening Hymn: 156 I Love To Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]

3. I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,

for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.
[Refrain]

4. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
[Refrain]

Hymn 132: All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

1. All my hope is firmly grounded
in the great and living Lord;
who, whenever I most need him,
never fails to keep his word.
God I must wholly trust,
God the ever good and just.

2. Tell me, who can trust our nature,
human, weak, and insecure?
Which of all the airy castles
can the hurricane endure?
Built on sand, naught can stand
by our earthly wisdom planned.

3. But in every time and season,
out of love's abundant store,
God sustains the whole creation,
fount of life forevermore.
We who share earth and air
count on God's unfailing care.

4. Thank, O thank, our great Creator,
thru God's only Son this day;
God alone, the heavenly potter,
made us out of earth and clay.
Quick to heed, strong in deed,
God shall all the people feed.

Closing Hymn 2175: Together We Serve

1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrows and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Response 420: Breathe On My Breath of God, vss. 1 & 4

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.