

8-9-20 Bulletin

Prelude

Call to Worship: Lord Hear my prayer. By your Spirit strengthen me to hold on to you
And to never let you go until we can come through together. For you are
My God and without you I cannot go on!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Opening Hymn: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Confession of Sin: O God, we are a frightened people that see the obstacles before us and
then we turn from you and fail. May we hold on to you and your teaching and not give up.
Forgive us at our lack of strength and renew in us our desire to serve you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting
their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (*2
Corinthians 5:19*) Hear then Christ's word of grace: Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be
to God.

Closing Song: 379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer

Sermon: Keeping our Focus!

Benediction: May the blessing of the Lord be upon you
We bless you in the name of the Lord (2x)

Matthew 14:22-33 New International Version

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as through word and song and prayer
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language-
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

My Hope is built on Nothing

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

