

**Welcome and Announcements:** August 9, 2020

**Prelude:** *Be Still, My Soul*

*Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still my Soul: The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

**Gathering Around God's Word**

**Opening Prayer:**

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit,  
that we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, whose almighty word  
The wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease,  
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

## **Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture:** Psalm 69:1-3, Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-33

### **Psalm 69:1-3 - Prayer for Deliverance from Persecution**

**To the leader: according to Lilies. Of David.**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God,  
for the waters have come up to my neck.  
<sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire,  
where there is no foothold;  
I have come into deep waters,  
and the flood sweeps over me.  
<sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying;  
my throat is parched.  
My eyes grow dim  
with waiting for my God.

### **Matthew 8:23-27 - Jesus Stills the Storm**

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup> They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

### **Matthew 14:22-33 - Jesus Walks on the Water**

<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 toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, 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 toward 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 worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**Sermon:** It is Hard Not to Write Satire

### **Responding to God's Word**

#### **Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **Offering: Stepping Out on the Water**

**Response:** *Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow:*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Sending Us Out to Be God's Word in the World**

**Closing Hymn:** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

**Charge and Benediction**

May God bless you with discomfort...

**Postlude:** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

*May I hear Thee say to me: Fear not, I will pilot Thee!*

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