



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Albany, OR

## Order of Worship August 2, 2020

### Prelude | Jesus Calls Us

*arr. Lani Smith*

*Allow the prelude to prepare your hearts and minds for worship; to be still and know that God is God.  
We are claimed by Christ in the water of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome & Call to Worship

### Song 475 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Unison Prayer

*Ryan Hill*

God of unending surprises,  
we pray that you would unravel our bias, our assumptions,  
and whatever it is that keeps us from you.  
You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.  
You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that.  
You invite us to move—to change and take a risk—but we stay planted where we are,  
afraid of the ways growth might hurt.  
We believe, despite our unbelief.  
Amen.

## Children's Message

*Rev. Sara Staton*

### Scripture Reading | Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22-23</sup> As soon as the meal was finished, Jesus insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

<sup>24-26</sup> Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29-30</sup> He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-hearted, what got into you?"

<sup>32-33</sup> The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

## Special Music | In Remembrance

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

## Sermon | Against All Odds

*Rev. Dr. Brandon Lewis*

## Song | Lord, You Have My Heart

Lord, you have my heart  
And I will search for yours  
Jesus, take my life and lead me on  
Oh Lord, you have my heart  
And I will search for yours  
Let me be to you a sacrifice

(Refrain)

And I will praise you, Lord  
And I will sing of love come down

And as you show your face  
We'll see your glory here

### Communion

*While we are prevented from gathering in person to share in Communion, we hope you will obtain your own elements and participate in the most sacred way possible. The Body of Christ can be bread, tortilla, rice cakes, crackers, etc. The Cup can be wine, juice, or any liquid. Know that the Spirit of Christ communes us together.*

### Communion Song 654 | "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

### Prayer

### Hymn 48 | Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)  
F A7 Dm F7 B<sup>b</sup>

Rain down; rain down; rain down your  
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain  
down; rain down your love, God of life.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

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RAIN DOWN  
Irregular

### Benediction

### Postlude | Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Dorsey/Allen/Hayes*

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