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"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



September 17, 2023 8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Prayer and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation "Go

"God Lead Us Along"

Megan Fahy, Susan Teachey, Roger Fulp, Nat Fahy

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us!

Blessed be the Lord who rules over winds and waves!

God calms our fears and calls us to greater faith and service.

Praise the Lord who alone is our Rock and our Refuge!

*Hymn UMH # 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel". Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits! Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with us on the path, bringing us courage and hope. No matter what, we belong to the Lord, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace (As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.)

First Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:1-7

Patti Heller

Ministry Spotlight: Manna Ministry

Open Altar, Open Heart – (As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.)

Call to Prayer

"Bidden, Unbidden"

Carol Scull, Majorie Quilan, Richard Montford, Finley Wolsten

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Apostles Creed UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" (UMH#191) (Sung as the children come forward)

Anthem "You Are Mine"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 8:18-28

Sermon "Why Are You Afraid"

and the life everlasting.

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "If You Would Trust in God to Guide You"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn UMH #509 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Amazing Grace"

*Please stand as you are able.

Reflection Questions & Notes

- 1. In what ways is your life driven by too much fear? To what degree do you believe those fears are the truth?
- 2. What difference does it make for you to hear Jesus ask this question more out of curiosity than of judgment?
- 3. How will you allow God to help you address your fears rather than avoid them or be dictated by them?