

Piano Prelude: Dr. David Chafe

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We gather together to worship God.

All: Here, in this place, God welcomes all.

One: All dreamers and doubters, wonderers and worriers can reach out to God.

All: Within this community of faith, all can call on God by name.

One: Generations of God’s people have cried out, “God, save us.”

All: In every age, we remember God’s faithfulness.

One: Let us be daring enough to step into the unknown.

All: As we step forward in faith, we know God is with us always.

Introit: In Loving Partnership We Come

In loving partnership we come,
Seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive,
We freely offer them to you.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

O God, you call us out of our comfortable lives and ask us to step into the unknown. You watch over us when we are afraid and when we falter; you are there to catch us when we fall. You strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the toughest storms. You are greater than the most powerful forces in the world. O God who calmed the raging sea, help us to have the faith to step out into your world that we might become your faithful followers, sharing your love, serving our neighbours, and trusting that you are always with us. Amen.

Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord) (VU 509)

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Call to Confession:

One: God calls us beyond our fears into lives of faith, love, and courage. God’s love is constant, even when life is uncertain. Let us come as we are, with our faith and doubts, confessing our sin to the one who meets us with grace, calls us by name, and invites us to walk by faith. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans are disrupted. We are quick to give up when things get difficult and become impatient when your plan for us is not readily apparent. Forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives. Open our ears to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. Help us to find the courage to step out in faith, trusting in you even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

Litany of Assurance: (responsive)

One: God is faithful, even when our faith is small. God’s love does not depend on our understanding, but on God’s unfailing grace.
All: We are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: God is Love ~ Robert and Christina McNeily
(Words and Music by John W. Peterson, 1957)

Story of Our Mission:

Offering Invitation:
One: God has given to us beyond our imagining. Let us offer our gifts and ourselves to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine in service of God’s mercy and grace.

Offertory Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (VU 264)

Offertory: The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him all creatures here below!

Praise him above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

O God, may these offerings be used to continue your work to bring hope and healing to your world. Bless these gifts, and those given through PAR and other means, and bless us in our giving. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 10:5-15 ~ Mildred Cousens

Responsive Psalm: 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (VU 828-829) ~ Mildred Cousens

Gloria Patri: (in unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Hymn: Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me (637)

Sermon

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: He Leadeth Me (657)

Commissioning and Benediction

Piano Postlude: Dr. David Chafe

We welcome you to this service today in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor with us, we extend to you a special welcome and invite you to sign our guest book in the porch of the church so we might have a record of your visit with us.



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“We Welcome the Opportunity to Welcome You”



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