



**August 23, 2020**

Pentecost 12

**Life and Work of the Congregation**

**A Time of Quiet Preparation**

**WE GATHER**

**\*Introit:** Lord, Prepare Me to Be A Sanctuary    **MV 18**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Surely, God is in this place.

**All: Help me notice.**

One: Let us worship our God who changes the way we see the world.

**All: Let us worship our Christ whose peace stills the storm.**

One: Let us worship our Spirit that inspires us to new life.

**All: Let us worship.**

**Shalom:** *We exchange a greeting of "shalom" – An ancient word  
of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, blessing...*

**Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me                      **VU 567**

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

**Prayer of Invocation and Transformation** *(unison)*

O God, you reveal yourself to us in mysterious ways, yet they all have one thing in common – an indescribably overwhelming sense of your holiness that weakens our knees, and quickens our pulse, and boggles our minds. And yet we dare to open ourselves to this experience, seeking wonder, seeking shalom. We pray for the courage and faith to step out of our comfort and follow your will and your way.

Standing in your light, hearts broken open, acknowledging our humanness, seeking transformation, savouring your Holy Presence, we pray...

*(a moment of contemplation)*

One: God hears, forgives, makes whole, renews, and loves. Breathe deeply of God's shalom, and be Gods.

**Hymn: My Lighthouse**

*In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures you won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through, you are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence, you won't let go, in the questions, your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through, you are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness I will follow you  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings, with each morning I'll rise and sing  
Your great love will lead me through, you are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

**Kids Time**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading** – Matthew 14:22-33

<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,<sup>[a]</sup> 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,<sup>[b]</sup> 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."

**Message:** Where Feet May Fail

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn:** Oceans

*You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand*

*And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace  
For I am yours and you are mine*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed and you won't start now*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour*

**Prayer** (w/Lord's Prayer)

**Offering** (Grant Us, God, the Grace) **VU 540**  
*Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free  
That ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully*

We are grateful, O God, for the abundance we have received, and we seek to respond in kind. May our gifts of ourselves and our resources inspire action, fuel transformation, and encourage deepening faith in all who our ministries touch. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me **VU 637**

*Jesus, Saviour, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee, Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boisterous waves obey thy will when thou biddest them 'Be still.'  
Wondrous sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.*

*When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar  
'twixt me and the peaceful land, still supported by thy hand,  
may I hear thee say to me, 'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'*

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Closing:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath (v.4)

**MV 150**

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.*

**Rev. Larry's Office Hours In The Church Building** - Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He will be available for conversations (pastoral or otherwise) with anyone. The Sanctuary will also be available for those who might want to come and sit quietly and pray in our worship space. There is also a labyrinth available for prayerful walking (socks required). Access to the building will be strictly controlled – the door will be locked until Rev. Larry lets you in, and the only spaces available will be the foyer, the foyer washroom, and the sanctuary. All other rooms in the building are closed for now.

**Finances** - If you are already on PAR (pre-authorized remittance), THANK YOU! We encourage you to continue to make your financial offerings to the church. Bills and salaries still need to be paid. Another way to make your offering is by clicking the "Canada Helps" donation button on our website. Please do what you can to continue to support our ongoing mission and ministry together.

### **ECO Regional Council Prayer Cycle - Kingston: Crossroads**

#### **Faith United Mission Statement**

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore we will:

- strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's ability/disability, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance;
- seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;
- be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;
- encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

***Let our actions reflect our faith.***

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