



Urbandale  
United  
Church of  
Christ

God is still speaking

*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation*

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited and welcome here.”

August 9, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- You may wish to have the bulletin to follow along.
- You can pull up the bulletin for this service by going to [urbucc.org](http://urbucc.org).
- If you want to take a moment to prepare your space for whatever helps you pray, meditate, or be mindful of God’s presence, please do that. Perhaps it is a candle or a cross.
- We will be asking you to jot some things down, which you may be able to do on the device you are using to watch this or get a pad of paper and pen/pencil.
- Later in the service we will read from the **Gospel of Matthew 14:22-33**. If you have a Bible, you might want to turn to that passage. We will be reading from the Inclusive Bible, so you can compare it with your translation.
- Today’s liturgy has been adapted and comes from Lavon Bayler, *Taught by Love, Year A* and *God Lifts Us Up, Worship Ways Year A*

### GREETING

“Doubt isn’t the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.”

*Paul Tillich, 20<sup>th</sup> century*

### CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life. God of the Journey, direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“All That I Am”

William Grant Still

Ron Lindhart, Vocalist

### TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

Urbandale UCC has a “Donate” tab at our website, [urbucc.org](http://urbucc.org) or you may wish to donate to the wider church and may wish to visit the church’s national website at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).

Take a moment and write down what you have that you can share with others. Perhaps you may wish to show your support by donating blood, reading and educating yourself on matters of privilege and racism, continue reaching out to the vulnerable among us and letting others know you care. There are many ways we can continue to support one another. Think about how you might reveal the Presence of the Holy to the world through the sharing of your gifts and resources that God has so richly blessed you with.

## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry. AMEN.

## SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 14:22-33** (The Inclusive Bible)

<sup>22</sup>Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. <sup>23</sup>Having sent the crowds away, he went up to the mountains by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. <sup>24</sup>Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds.

<sup>25</sup>At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!"

<sup>28</sup>Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water."

<sup>29</sup>"Come!" Jesus said.

So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup>Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's Own!"

## MEDITATION

"Embrace the Storm"

Rev. Amy Murray

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Take a moment now to check your own prayer list. Add the names that need to go on it, review the names of those for whom you have been praying. Has an answer or resolution come? If so, make gratitude known to others.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal 472

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

O God, our heavenly Father and Mother,  
may your name be sacred to us.

May your realm become a reality for us.

May your desires be fulfilled among us as they are in your courts.

Give us today what we need for life.

And forgive us for our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.

Guide us in tempting situations and protect us from the power of evil.

For the realm that is coming, the power that is growing, and the  
glory that is building, all belong to you forever. Amen.

## **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Hymnal 472**

Precious Lord, take my hand, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Refrain:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:

Refrain:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appear and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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*"We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ's image and striving for justice and peace."*

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