

We pray for loved ones . . .

Give them peace in your presence, even as the storms rage around them, even in the midst of suffering and stress.

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven ...

RESPONSE **I Know the Peacespeaker** solo, Joshua Allen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **FAIREST LORD JESUS**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us.
Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world,
So that all may know and share the abundance of your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.*

— Sending —

HYMN **GO, MY FRIENDS, IN GRACE** **WORSHIP ENSEMBLE**

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences

Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor

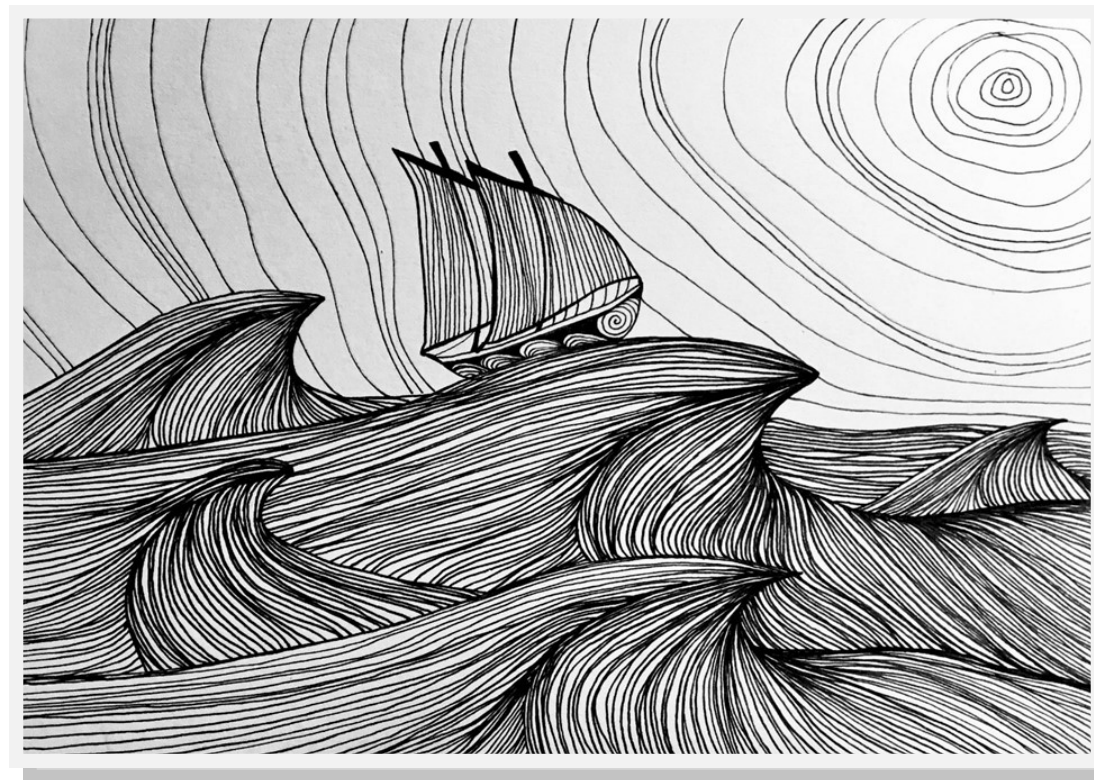
Joshua Allen.....Music Director



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 2021

Service for the Lord's Day



— Gathering —

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

PRELUDE

THE SOLID ROCK

Joshua Allen

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist, Jimmy Chapman

The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

In the midst of the storms of our lives,

Let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN #821**

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

*O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.*

*When all around us has given way to chaos,
ground us in your presence.*

*When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired,
refresh us by your mercy.*

*Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,
even when we are certain that it is sinking.*

*Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

(1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 10–16)

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SONG

OCEAN (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

KATIE HURST

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Unfamiliar Shore”

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

— *Response* —

HYMN (INSERT)

Whispering Hope

MINUTE FOR MISSION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord, saying:

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

We pray for the church . . .

In the love of Christ, open our hearts to find joy in sorrow, richness in poverty, and new life, even in the dust of death.

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

We pray for the world . . .

Give us the courage to confront our enemies not with mighty weapons of war, but with confidence in your will.

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

We pray for this community . . .

Teach us how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity; bless us with abundant life and peace.

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**