



Gathering Song

Houston, Cocker, Lighthelm

Oceans (Where feet may fall)

*Samantha Hornung, voice*

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano*

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  
    So 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  
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...

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 680

*St. Anne*

O God, our help in ages past

*Jennifer Cook, soprano*

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2. under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

*O God, our help in ages past* Words: Issac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. Of Psalm 90:1-5. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt., harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt. One License A-719068

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

### 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it

was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

*Officiant and People*

**8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind

ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Jackie Whitfield

The Nicene Creed

*Officiant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the word of faith that we proclaim is near you, on your lips and in your heart! So let us pray to God, saying, “Be generous to all who call on you; *Lord, save us.*”

Lord God, capture our hearts. May your Holy Spirit prepare a way upon which the beautiful feet of your servants can bring good news to all those who are wearied by too much bad news. *Silence.*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

Leader: Lord of all, your love makes no distinction between peoples or nations. We pray that wars and violence cease. May your reign of peace and justice come quickly. *Silence.*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

Leader: Holy God, your Son walked on the water even as your Spirit moved over the face of the waters in creation. May we learn to respect the beauty and mystery, the power and goodness, of all you have made.

*The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

Leader: Strong God, give us wisdom like your servant Joseph that this congregation may be a symbol of hope and integrity to the leaders of our city. *Silence.*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

Leader: Lord Christ, your people be not afraid. You have promised that all who call on your name shall be saved. And so make your deeds known among the people — especially those in trouble, sickness and pain. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

Leader: God of our ancestors, by your strength you rescue life even from the depths of the pit. You raised your Son from the grips of death and through him have promised to give new life to all who have died. May the dead rest in peace, even as they await the day of resurrection. *Silence.*

Be generous to all who call on you.

People: **Lord, save us.**

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## The Blessing

### Closing Song

Hymnal 1982 – 636

*Foundation*

How firm a foundation

*Jennifer Cook, soprano*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

*How firm a foundation* Words: K. In John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787. alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from  
*The Sacred Harp*, 1844  
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Voluntary

Hermann Schroeder

Maestoso, from Werk 9, *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi*

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano*

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## Prayers for the Parish

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We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Dianne Gregory, sister of Ann Zimmerman, who entered into the Resurrection on Saturday, August 1.

Prayers have been requested for: Bruce, Sharon, Rebecca, Regina, Sheila, and Vicky

Carol Corbin requests prayers for her daughter Erin Corbin Hinckley, who is an RN on a post-surgery floor at Atrium Concord.

We offer special prayers for protection and strength for those working in healthcare. We pray for their beloved families and the difficult decisions that are being made as they navigate the tensions of work and home.

## Giving

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