



For Young Worshipers: When you are scared, it is a good idea to find someone who can help you. We believe that Jesus helps us all. When we ask Jesus for help, it is called prayer.

Who has the power to create? Only God, the Lord of heaven and earth.
Who has the power to silence the storm? Only Jesus, the Word of God among us.

Service for the Lord's Day

July 26, 2020

Gathering Around the Word

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me BROCKLESBURY
Charlotte Barnard, in 1865, composed the hymn tune
BROCKLESBURY for a much-loved children's prayer.

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Christ invites us to go with him.

The way may be dangerous. There may be storms.

There may be distances to cover and fears to face.

But nothing which is evil can win. God wins.

The storms of life will not destroy us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

First and Last Verses

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire, and foe, protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus, evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

We come to
worship at
God's invitation.

God's promised love gives us the boldness to admit our failings, in the strong sure hope of forgiveness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Savior and deliverer, we live with many threats and challenges. Storms of discord, winds of change, waves of confusion, the dark clouds of doubt: these are dangers of which we are well aware. And we confess that we focus too much on these threats, failing to turn to you, our true hope. We call on you anxiously, not confidently. We forget your promised power. Lord we believe; help our unbelief! In your mercy, O God, forgive us. Help us to live in the security of your love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Response

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Good News

Time with Young Disciples

Passing of the Peace at Home

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading

Psalm 9:9-20

The Lord is a strong tower to him that is oppressed : **he is a tower of strength in time of need.**

All who heed your name will trust in you : **for you have never forsaken those that seek you.**

O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion : **tell among the peoples what great things he has done.**

For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor : **he has not forgotten their cry.**

The Lord has been merciful toward me: **he saw what I suffered from my foes.**

He raised me up again from the gates of death, that I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion : **that I might rejoice in your deliverance.**

The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others : **in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;**

The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right; **the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.**

The wicked shall be given over to death : **and all the nations that forget God.**

For the needy shall not always be forgotten : **nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.**

Arise, Lord, let not man prevail : **let the nations be judged before you.**

Put them in fear, O Lord : **and let the nations know that they are but men.**

Anthem

May Sunshine Light Your Way
Eric Bigler, baritone

S. Albrecht and J. Althouse

The Lord protects those who trust the Lord, but the wicked are defeated.

Jesus saves his friends after sending them into a storm at sea.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

All Sit

Sermon

Calming the Storm

Larry Gildersleeve

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 184

Calm to the Waves
Sing through three times

CALM SEAS

*Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still ness, hear his voice.*

Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Adapted from The Iona Abbey Worshipbook

The world and its inhabitants are not doomed to die or be lost;

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

We do not accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

For Jesus said, I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Violence and hatred will not have the last word, and war and destruction will not last;

For this is true: unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, to whom all authority will be given, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

We are not victims of the power of evil, which seeks to rule the world;

Jesus said, to me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

We have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

The Lord pours out the Holy Spirit on us, and our sons and daughters shall prophesy, our young people shall see visions, and our old folk will dream dreams.

Let no one say that our dreams of liberation, our dreams of justice, human dignity, and peace, are not dreams for this earth and its history;

The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People

Prayer offered by Katie Thomison, daughter of David and Susan Thomison, and a 2019 graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.

The Lord's Prayer

Statement of Stewardship

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul
First and Second Verses

FINLANDIA

*Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God, to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

Benediction

Postlude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark

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Calendar

Sunday, July 26

10:30 a.m. Worship
Livestream only

Monday, July 27

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 p.m. City of God (Zoom)

Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, August 2: Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21.

TODAY:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS. We have raised over \$500 for our two VBS projects - adopting a tree at Kerieakes Park and supporting restoration of the Butterfly exhibit at Lost River Cave. If you wish to contribute, you can give online - just be sure to drop down to VBS Mission! Make sure you look at the pictures on Facebook!

BE SURE TO WATCH OUR THANK YOU video for VBS that is on our website and Facebook. It was fun to put together four videos on our Great Big Beautiful World and share that with the 83 registered participants. Singing, prayers, Bible stories and dramas, crafts and more all were included. The four days are also posted to our website so anyone can go see what all the fun was/is about!

ROUND TABLE PULPIT is meeting via Zoom, each Monday at 5:00pm. Contact the office for the information to log in.

BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER - we are now today on day 205. if you have a printed study journal and need to get the next one (days 200-302), please call the office. You can pick up or we will mail one - your choice!

COMING UP:

THE RACIAL RECKONING DISCUSSION will now be Monday August 3, 7:00pm. Contact the office for the zoom link. If you didn't catch all the resources that have been shared, visit our website.

COME FOR FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP! Karen Watson is leading a walking group at Griffin Park on Tuesday mornings, 8:15am, weather permitting. Devotion time and then walking. Enter from Smallhouse Road and meet at the Amphitheater-you need a mask. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Text or email Karen to let her know you want to join this group. Karen's phone number: 270-991-5673 Karen's email address: mail@kgwatson.com Even though the group will be meeting, physical distancing is still needed, so we can be safe together!

JOIN GLENN KIRKCONNELL FOR VIDEO DISCUSSION. Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (6:30 to watch the video), Glenn is leading discussion on the Great Courses study The City of God, BY St. Augustine. Questions? [Email Leslee Kirkconnell](mailto:Leslee.Kirkconnell).

BEGINNING AUGUST 10 - Monday evenings at 7, book discussion (via Zoom) of **White Fragility** by Robin Diangelo. [Contact Leslee Kirkconnell](mailto:Leslee.Kirkconnell) for more information. Leslee Kirkconnell has one last book available for \$10.

PIG PICKIN' has been postponed until sometime in early fall, due to safety concerns. Stay tuned for more details and when a new date is set; we will announce that when we have plans in place.

RALLY DAY will be Sunday August 23! Coming to you via video. We are working on building a video of the various CE opportunities that will be available this fall - online - we are NOT coming back into the building just yet. All ages will have opportunities. Stay tuned.

OTHER NEWS:

ZOOM TOGETHER - if your group/committee/ministry needs to meet, we can set you up! Please call the office or email. Meetings cannot overlap, so calling/emailing ensures we can keep a good schedule.

MASKS are now required when out! We have folk in our congregation making cloth masks, so email us if you need one or more. If you stop by the church office, a mask is required to enter.

THE PRESBYTERY is sponsoring a special viewing of the documentary *The Long Shadow*, which takes a hard look at the history of slavery (America's original sin) from the founding of the nation to the present, and its insidious ties to racism today. On August 9, at 5:00pm there will be a special zoom discussion, including the director of the film, Frances Causey, of the documentary. The film will be available August 5-12. If you wish to join, please contact Leslee Kirkconnell for the information.



We express sympathy to Joel Brown for the death of his wife and church member Bettye Brown, who died July 21, 2020.