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Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

In a world that often feels overwhelmed by waves of bad news,

we often feel like disciples at sea – tossed and turned in the chaos of current events.

But we are part of a dream – we are part of God’s great dream!

And we are not alone in this time of storms and turmoil.

There is a presence reaching into our lives, offering calm and peace and hope.

There is a dream that is being fulfilled through our lives; God’s dream of abundant life.

*Come, Disciples of Christ, let us hold tight to the vessel of faith and the dream of possibilities;
and let us be God’s people in worship.*

For in our worship, we reach new shores; and in our worship, God’s dream is fulfilled.

Come, let us worship in hopeful anticipation and faith.

Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

2. O Savior, whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

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

Words: William Whiting (Gen. 1:2, Job 38:8-11, Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-35) Music: John B. Dykes. Public Domain

Scripture Reading – Matthew 14:22-33

Prayers of the People

Prayers for those caught in the storms of life. With the refrain, “Lord, rescue us!”

The Lord’s Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Song

God My Rock

When my heart is overwhelmed,
I will look to you alone,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
You will stand when others fall;
you are faithful through it all,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
In the blessing, in the pain,
through it all, you've never failed me.

You are the strength of my heart.
You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on you. I can rely on you.

When I've struggled to believe,
you have not let go of me,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
Carried through the darkest storms,
you have held me in your arms,
God, my rock, God, my rock, God, my rock.
In the blessing, in the pain,
through it all, you've never failed me.

You are the strength of my heart.
You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on you. I can rely on you.
You are the joy of my life.
You are my song in the night.
There is no one as true.
Jesus, I trust in you, yeah!

(instrumental interlude)

You are the strength of my heart.
You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on you. I can rely on you.
You are the joy of my life.
You are my song in the night.
There is no one as true.
Jesus, I trust in you, yeah!

(instrumental interlude)

Jesus, we trust in you!
Jesus, we trust in you!
Jesus, we trust in you!
Jesus, we trust in you, God!

You are the strength of my heart.
You are the strength of my heart.
I can rely on you. I can rely on you.
You are the joy of my life.
You are my song in the night.
There is no one as true.
Jesus, I trust in you (yeah).

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

*Here we are, Holy Dreamer, your people.
Here we are, carrying our dreams in our spirits,
and at the same time wondering what your dream is for us.
Here we are, tossed about in a sea of anxiety and conflict,
holding fast to the edges of our known reality, yet hopeful that even our current uncertainty and anguish
is somehow part of your great dream for humanity and this planet.
Come to us, we pray, as Jesus came to the disciples in that stormy sea many years ago.
Come to us, as Reuben came to the rescue of his brother, Joseph.
Come to us and bring your calming touch and faithful presence into our awareness.
Enter our boat and be in our midst in ways so tangible that we have no more room for doubt or fear.
Come to us, and anchor our confidence in your grace. Amen.*

Scripture Reading – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Message

Living the Dream

Response

Prayer of Confession

*Our dreams have been small, Loving God.
We confess that we have not believed ourselves to be worthy
of the bigger dreams that linger in our imaginations and knock at the doors of our hearts.
We have allowed our fears and self-doubt to diminish our courage.
We have allowed our past experiences of failure to define how we see the future.
We have allowed resentments of others' success to get in the way of wonderful possibilities in your grace.
Forgive us, and dance in our dreams once more.
Whisper your wisdom as we sleep so that we arise with hope renewed.
Spark our waking hours with visions of what is possible, so that we act with faith and confidence.
Help us enable fruition of all good dreams, even those of our brothers and sisters,
toward healing this world, and strengthening all relations.
Forgive us and help us to dream again. Amen.*

Words of Affirmation

*The great good news is that each of us is part of God's great dream.
And God is not afraid to act upon God's vision of what is possible.
When we turn in contrition and confession, God's dream is closer to being realized.
Let us stand tall in knowing that we are each important to God's good dream of wholeness.
We are loved, forgiven, made new. Amen.*

Passing the Peace

*Let us begin this living of God's dream by truly sharing Christ's peace with others by saying as we bow:
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

D. Forrest

Invitation to Offering

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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Prayer

Sending

Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy

1. Come sing, O church, in Joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

2. Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

3. Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

4. Come sing, O church, in Joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

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Blessing

Postlude

God, My Rock

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