

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 2021

10:00am

* Those who are able, please stand. Congregation responds in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME David Smazik

PRELUDE from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42
V. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

In our strength and in our weakness, we worship you, O God.

You use us when we are strong and support us when we are weak.

In our youth and in our mature years, we worship you, O God.

You are with us in laughter and in play when we are young;
you give us wisdom as we grow old.

In our doubting and in our faith, we worship you, O God.

You inform our doubts and confirm us in our Christian faith.

In our reflection and in our service, we worship you, O God.

In all the changes of life, we worship you, loving God!



* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, forgive us.

We imagine we can live without you, when you give us our very breath.

We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity.

We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands.

Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the

likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

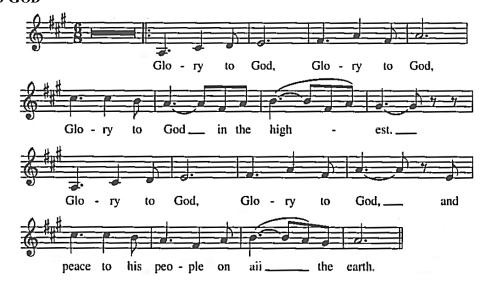
Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water;

mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love.

Live then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

* GLORY TO GOD

arr. Val Parker



* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE (Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

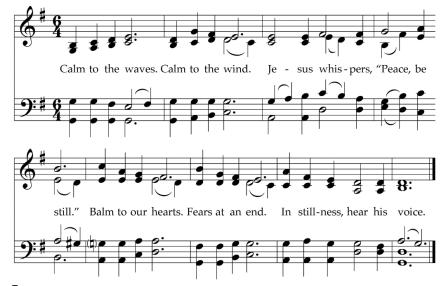
Nancy Fortenberry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION NO. 184

Calm to the Waves

Mary Louise Bringle

(Soloist sings first time, All sing second time)



PSALM 107: 23 - 32

David Haas Katie Ray, Cantor



GOSPEL LESSON

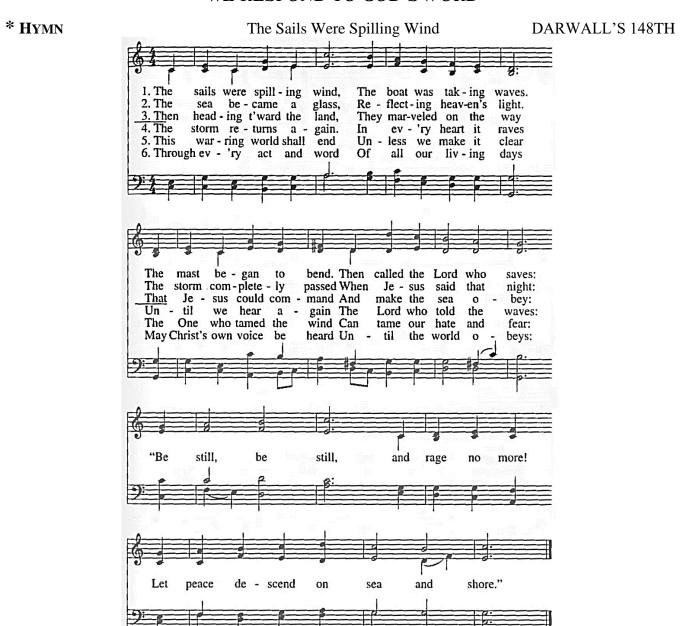
Mark 4: 35-41

SERMON

Traveling Differently: Weathering the Storm

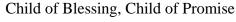
David Smazik

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



Parents Steve and Kaitlyn Boller Elder Mike Boris





KINGDOM



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD



* BLESSING AND CHARGE

The creator of all that is upholds your life;

Christ himself walks by our side;

the Spirit gives us breath to speak God's grace and sing God's praise.

Now friends, go out to be Christ's hands and feet, and do not be afraid.

SOLO

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

African-American spiritual arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949) Katie Ray, Soprano



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn is significant in that this is the very first hymn we have sung as a congregation in our refurbished chancel with our new Fisk organ, having not sung together in this sanctuary since November 2019. "How Firm a Foundation" speaks of the foundation of Christian life as being rooted in God's word. We are assured when we face difficulties and dangers, as we know we

must, we are not alone, but supported by One whose strength will enable us to bear whatever is required.

At the conclusion of today's service, Soprano Katie Ray sings one of the most familiar African-American spirituals, "Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen." In the spiritual genre, this is known as a "sorrow song." Yet even in sorrow, the song points us to victory. Note the "Glory Hallelujah" at the end of each refrain, focusing on a joyous homecoming rather than on trails of this earthly life. The power of this spiritual is its ability to call the listener to empathize with the slaves in their belief of the triumph of faith over adversity as we struggle with our own spiritual "chains."

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Youth Group –TODAY-No Meeting; June 27- Regular Meeting (5:30-7:30pm)

Sunday In-Person Worship Service 10am -- TODAY through September 12

Second Sunday in the Park – July 11, 10am.

Wednesday Summer Fun Evening – June 23, 5:30-7:30pm, ages Pre-K through 5th grade -- drop off the kids. We'll be providing dinner, crafts, games, and lots of Summer Fun!

Zoom Northminster Reads – June 27, 5:30pm. What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster.

For more information on events and meetings – and how to join Zoom events or meetings – visit our website (northminster-indy.org).

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