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Christ walks on water, rescues Peter, 20th century mosaic, Hamburg, Germany, St. Peter's Church, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
JULY 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP)

BESSIE ROPER

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**For you uphold all who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.**

All look to you;
you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

++ HYMN #353[GTG] My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus remark (Matthew 7:24-37 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and educator, William Batchelder Bradbury.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BESSIE ROPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you,
hungry for bread and for your word,
you took an offering—five loaves, two fish—**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**and made for them a feast.
Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace.
Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.
Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.
Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more generous people.
Empower us to share the gift of our lives,
and enlighten us to see the miracles around us.
For you are the giver of grace upon grace,
the one who turns want into plenty.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BESSIE ROPER

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.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #188 [GTG] JESUS LOVES ME!

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BESSIE ROPER

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

#414 [GTG] *Be still and know that I am God (3x).*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BESSIE ROPER

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING EPHESIANS 3:14-21

BESSIE ROPER

¹⁴ When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Here ends our First Reading
Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray
SUMMER PICK UP CHOIR

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:1-21

ALYSE COLLINS

⁶ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not

buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all.¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”

²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Here ends the Good News

Thanks Be to God

SERMON

ALYSE COLLINS

++ HYMN #466[GTG] Come and Fill Our Hearts (Latin, English, Latin)
This prayer chant - intended for repeated singing - was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Tazie often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GEORGE BENNETT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayers continue)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

AMEN #568 [GTG]

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Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Lift up the gifts of your hearts and the labors of your hands

ALYSE COLLINS

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

ALYSE COLLINS

God of love, accept these gifts and multiply them to your use. Amen.

HYMN #702[GTG] Christ Be Beside Me

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick. Such a prayer for protection is known as a lorica, from a Latin word for “breastplate” or “armor.” It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

BENEDICTION

ALYSE COLLINS

Go now and be certain that the love of God, the grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with each one of us and the ones we love. Amen.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST: BESSIE ROPER

ORGANIST / PIANIST: SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH: PRINCE SOLACE

PREACHING: ALYSE COLLINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 28

10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel
Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

Monday, July 29

10:00 a.m.-5
5:30 p.m.

GIL classes
Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, July 30

10:00 a.m. -2
9:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL Classes
NWI Food Truck prep
Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, July 31

10:00 a.m.-5
12:00 P.M.
5:30 p.m.

GIL Class
Bible study – Library
Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, August 1

9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

NWI Food Truck prep
Library Committee – Library
Election equipment delivery
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, August 2

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, August 3

Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel
Summer Potluck
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ACT Uganda is Seeking Funds to Save Lives - In Muko, Uganda, lives can be saved by simply providing health education to those most in need. In partnership with the Uganda Ministry of Health, ACT's HEAL Manager, Judith Tukahirwa, who received her degree using ACT's Maverick Scholarship, is trusted by community members and travels to villages untouched by modern science or technology. There she provides education sessions to expecting mothers about nutrition, immunizations, basic physiology and infant care. These simple lessons prevent deaths during childbirth and also result in healthier babies. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Your gift of only \$40 will enable the entire cost of an additional health education session in one of the 74 villages which ACT serves. Make your check payable to ACT Uganda (with a note in the memo field - HEAL Expectant Moms) and mail it to ACT Uganda, P. O. Box 2565, Midland MI 48641; or donate online at actuganda.org. Questions? Contact Diane Busch or Robin Stottlemeyer at agapecommunitytransformation@gmail.com or visit our website to learn more. THANK YOU!



Judith Teaching

Summer Bible Study/Fellowship Opportunity.
Come and join us. Leave confident, optimistic, and energized in your faith.

The church is now offering Wednesday Bible Study at noon, at the church and on Zoom.

Participants can review the selected readings before each Wednesday session. Start reviewing the materials on the Thursday before the session, on your own schedule.

The group will review three reflective questions and discuss other items. If a session is cancelled, a makeup time will be set for the following Sunday after church. Materials can be found:

1. In the Participant's Booklet passed out at church. (some copies may be available in the library on the mantel)
2. Online on our website. There is a button to click on the home page that will take you to the Bible Study page. Scroll to the bottom and click the Class Materials link.

The **Garden Committee** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom

Our meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- August 28th
- September 25th
- October 23rd

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. We have raised about \$3,000 so far. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

Thank you.