

## **Worship Service - *Overcoming Fear***

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,**

**28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**Psalm 23 / Matt. 8:23-27, Isa. 55:8-9, Psa. 90:4**

### **Prelude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

### **Opening Music ~ "[By Gentle Powers](#)"**

The Gate Band

written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "By Gentle Powers" (Von Guten Mächten) - Dietrich Bonhoeffer / Siegfried Fietz  
Performed and posted to YouTube by the Gate Band

### **Welcome / Announcements**

**We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.**

### **Pass the Peace**

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able and join together in singing the opening hymn*

### **Opening Hymn (Video) *God is Here Among Us ~ 16***

### **Call to Worship**

**One:** Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and even if you have no money, come and receive food!

**All:** **Come buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

**One:** Why do you spend all your money on food that won't fill you, and labor for a reward that will fade away?

**All:** **Listen attentively to God. Come to his table and delight yourselves in a rich feast for your soul.**

### **Invocation**

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts.

Give us steady minds and burning zeal that we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## A Time of Prayer

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

**Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.**

### Pastoral Prayer

Prayer by pastor

### Hymn (Video)

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ~ 592***

## **Sermon Passage ~ Matthew ~ 8:23-27, Isaiah ~ 55:8-9 ~ Psalm. 90:4**

### **Matthew 8:23-27**

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."

And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

### **Isaiah 55: 8-9**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Psalm 90:4**

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

## **Message ~ Overcoming Fear**

*Guest Preacher Dan Smith-Derksen*

*Excerpts from a sermon by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, organized and read by Guest Preacher Dan Smith-Derksen*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Call to Serve**

The Lord is our safe place. We have seen in fresh ways that he will not fail to protect and take care of us. Even through suffering and hardship, Christ is our shepherd and guardian.

There are many in the world who are unprotected and vulnerable. Many who do not know about the refuge of Christ; may we call them to come find rest with us. There are many who are abused and oppressed; may we be the protection and refuge of Christ to them. As we listen to Annie play, reflect on where Christ might be calling you to extend his grace.

**A Time for Reflection**      Played by church musician Annie Center,

**Hymn** (Video)                      ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God ~ 165***

**Benediction**                      Short prayer by pastor

Now may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

(Based on 1 Peter 5:10)

**Postlude**                      played by church musician Annie Center,

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