

Worship Service ~ *A Vision of Glory in a Storm Tossed Boat*

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

6th October, 2024

Psalm 42 / Mark 6:45-56

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Please stand with me, if you're able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship

One: Eternal God, you are the Creator all things;

All: the ruler of the storm, the provider of the heat of a million suns.

One: Wise God, you are the Mind behind all minds:

All: the foundation of the ability to think and reason, and the source of all truth.

One: Loving God, you are the Redeemer through the cross of Christ:

All: through weakness, torture, and death, you reveal unconquerable love

One: Our God, we worship and adore you.

All: Show us your creativity, your wisdom and your love this morning. Amen.

Invocation

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ 37

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 42

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

6 and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

10 As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer (responsive)

Prayer by pastor

Various times throughout the prayer the pastor and congregation will respond with the following:

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ~ 120

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Mark 6:45-56

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. **46** And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. **47** And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48** And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, **49** but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, **50** for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." **51** And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, **52** for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. **54** And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him **55** and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. **56** And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Sermon ~ A Vision of Glory in a Storm Tossed Boat ~

Rev. Jonny Finlayson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

A Time for Reflection

Played by church musician Annie Center,

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations ~ 367

Benediction

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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