

Jesus Makes a Difference in a Stormy Life

Matthew 14:22-33



*The purpose of our Community is:
 ❀❀❀ "Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ" ❀❀❀*

Prelude

Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

*(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 (Everyone) Amen.*

Confession of Sins

[Everyone] Gracious Heavenly Father, on this third Sunday in Lent, we recognize the seriousness of the Lenten season and concentrate this morning on a realistic confession of our sins. As we daily walk the way of the cross with our Savior, we understand that our day to day living experience must be one of sincere repentance. We acknowledge that we have sinned in our words, thoughts and actions. Our lifestyle has not always been in accordance with God's Will.

Thus we come before You this morning in true contrition and sorrow over our sinful lives. We humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us our sins for the sake of Christ's suffering and death on our behalf, and may our lives in this Lenten season serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

[Pastor] Especially in the season of Lent, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus, #376

Children's Sermonette:

'What can we do?'

Pastor McDonald

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 47:13-21 [NKJV]

¹³ Thus says the Lord God: "These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two portions.*

¹⁴ You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance. ¹⁵ "This *shall be* the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, *by* the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, ¹⁶ Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which *is* on the border of Hauran). ¹⁷ Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. *This is* the north side. ¹⁸ "On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. *This is* the east side. ¹⁹ "The south side, toward the South, *shall be* from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. *This is* the south side, toward the South. ²⁰ "The west side *shall be* the Great Sea, from the *southern* boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. *This is* the west side. ²¹ "Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 3:5-11 [NKJV]

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem

We Remember You

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading*Matthew 14:22-33 [NKJV]*

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn*In the Garden, #548***Sermon***"Only Christ the Son of God can still the storms of life!"**Matthew 14:22-33, Pastor Robert McDonald***Message Notes:** _____

Communion Hymn*Just As I Am, without One Plea, #417***We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper***Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.**Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.**Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)*

(Everyone) 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 and ever. Amen!

Distribution

Benediction*A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.***Sending Hymn***Oh, Worship the King, #178**[Pastor]: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.***[Everyone]: Thanks be to God****Postlude**

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## **Things going on during the week:**

*Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.*

**Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian School**

**Wednesdays: 5 pm Choir**

**6 pm - Potluck; 7 pm - Lenten Service [through April 6th.]**

## **Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations**

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**April 2, Saturday - Women's Bible Study - 10 am**

**April 16, Saturday - Free Food Distribution--**At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry! The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

**May 1, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions**

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.







# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting You, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only You;  
Trusting You for full salvation,  
Free and true..

I am trusting You for pardon;  
At Your feet I bow,  
For Your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting You for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting You to make me holy  
By Your blood.

I am trusting You to guide me;  
You alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

# In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:  
And He walks with me,  
And He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I stayed in the garden with Him  
Tho the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go, thru the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

## Just As I Am, without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Dread fears within, and strife without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am! Thy love unknown  
Hast broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Oh, Worship the King

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing His pow'r and His love,  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of His might; oh, sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills, in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, not find You to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to Your praise.