

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Email/At Home Missal**

The ZOOM link for today's service, which opens at 9.45 am on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, can be found here

Sunday Worship June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 09:45 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.

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**Announcements:**

**MAPLE SYRUP:** You can order your own Maple Syrup from St. Peter's. Our partner is a 5th generation Woolwich Township farm that has been producing maple syrup for over 100 years. They adhere to the production guidelines issued by the Ontario Maple Syrup Association, which state the number of taps per tree (max. of 2) for best forest management practices. Handling of the sap and syrup is minimized to reduce the chance of contamination. Their syrup is pure with nothing added, only the water has been removed. As of 2018 their maple syrup is certified organic. **1 litre Mason Jars of maple syrup are \$22.00.** Contact the church office to place your order(s) at 519-653-4721.

**Gathering Hymn: 'Come and Join Us' (Bradley Moggach – vocal & organ)**

Click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5QzyBgW3Fg>

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**Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, in your home and in mine.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**The First Reading: Job 38:1-11**

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
 Tell me, if you have understanding.  
 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
 Or who stretched the line upon it?  
 On what were its bases sunk,  
 or who laid its cornerstone  
 when the morning stars sang together  
 and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
 when it burst out from the womb?—  
 when I made the clouds its garment,  
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
 and prescribed bounds for it,  
 and set bars and doors,  
 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
 and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?” (NRSV)

**Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.\***

**Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
 for God’s mercy endures forever.

***Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
 that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,***  
 gathering them in from the lands;  
 from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

***Some went down to the sea in ships,  
 plying their trade in deep waters.***

They beheld the works of the LORD,  
 God’s wonderful works in the deep.

***Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
 which tossed high the waves of the sea.***

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
 their souls melted away in their peril.

***They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
 and all their skill was of no avail.***

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
 and you delivered them from their distress.

***You stilled the storm to a whisper  
 and silenced the waves of the sea.***

Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
 when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

***Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
 and your wonderful works for all people.***

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
 in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

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**The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,  
 “At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. (NRSV)

**Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.\***

**Gospel Acclamation:** ‘Listen, Listen to the Gospel Message....’ (Bradley Moggach – piano)

Click here: # <https://youtu.be/X2jHYEsLg8A>

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**The Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.\***

**Sermon (Imagine Interim Pastor Chun Zhang’s voice here):**

This story of Jesus calming the storm is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible.

In the beginning of this story, Mark tells us that Jesus is with his disciples travelling in a boat. This rather simple description has a very special meaning in our church’s tradition. For you see, the part of the church full of pews is called the nave. And nave is the Latin word for boat. So every Sunday morning before the lock-down, when worshippers gathered together worshipping God, literally, they were sitting in a boat with Jesus in it. Actually, the church’s and every Christian’s life journey are both like travelling in a boat with Jesus in it.

But do you notice that, with Jesus in their boat didn’t bring a storm free journey for his disciples. Quite the contrary, in today’s story, the storm was so furious; the waves broke over the boat, which was almost completely destroyed.

Throughout history, the storms have never ceased in and out of Christian’s’ lives; neither the storms have ever ceased inside and out of the church’s walls. And there is no need to prove that the storms are raging

today too! You know what the storms are like in and out of your life and your family's life. And we all know what the storms are like inside and out of our church's walls.

There is no question that the storms will come. But the question is: how do we react in the storms?

The disciples' reaction was very natural and human. They were afraid and panicking. But thank God, they made the most important and maybe the only right decision at that moment. They didn't throw out loads to lighten the boat, or abandon the boat and flee for their lives. Instead, They woke up Jesus and asked for help.

But sadly, Jesus' disciples plead only for their own safety. They didn't even expect Jesus to calm the storm down. And according to what Mark told us, after the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus' order and became quiet and still they were even more terrified.

Why did they feel terrified after being saved? Mark told us that they asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Mark suggested that from that moment, they were terrified because they started to realize that their teacher was more than just a righteous man and a miracle worker. They were terrified because they noticed that Jesus had the creator's power. They were terrified because they understood that as followers of the everlasting God, they could no longer only focus on their own interests and their own benefits, but were obligated to broaden their eyes on the benefits of God's whole creations. They were terrified because they heard the call from this powerful Lord to have faith in him and to be part of his ministry of salvation. They were terrified because they knew from that moment, they were no longer ordinary fishermen and farmers and tax collectors; they knew from that moment, they couldn't ignore the suffering of their surrounding community anymore.

It is terrifying to know the real power of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is even more terrifying to know that this powerful God is willing to empower us to do the same thing he did, to love this world so much, that he's willing to sacrifice his life for it.

What do you feel when you hear this? Terrified? Maybe we should. Sometimes it is terrifying to know that we could be bigger than we thought, especially in God's eyes.

Last week my brother-in-law sent us a video clip showing the new aquarium he just installed in his living room. It's a quite huge tank, measuring 12 feet by 5 feet by 4 feet. Quite impressive, isn't it? And the more impressive thing is that there is a real shark in it - a real 6 inches long adult shark. And we were told by my brother-in-law that this shark was caught by fisherman when it's still a baby shark and raised in a small tank. Surprisingly the shark would stay the size proportionate to its living environment. I also learned that the particular shark my brother-in-law has, which is 6 inches long yet fully matured, if being raised in the ocean, can grow to its normal size of up to 20 feet long.

Sadly, this is what happens spiritually to many Christians today. If we limit our focus in the 4 walls of our church buildings, our faith cannot be challenged in real world storms. And we couldn't grow into our potential, but become little six-inch Christians swimming around in our puddle.

May God help us not to be confined to a storm-free little puddle out of fear or insecurity, but instead to see that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. If we will have internal integrity and relate to the larger world in the ways He has ordained, we will be able to grow and serve Him in ways we've never imagined!

Amen!

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 769 'If You But Trust in God to Guide You' (Bradley Moggach – organ)**

Click here: <https://youtu.be/IZY2Q7rXegE>

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### **Prayers of Intercession:**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed, sick or in any need, especially Bill, Don, Tammy, Linda, Alice and Don. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, we grieve with our Muslim siblings as they deal with yet one more incident in a long history of tragic acts of racial and religious violence. We pray for the entire Afzaal family and especially young Fayez as he recovers from his injuries from the recent vicious and deliberate attack. We ask for peace in our communities for people of all races and religions and we pray that you would show us the way to true solidarity and justice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of All people, we continue to pray for our Indigenous siblings as they absorb the loss of 215 children whose bodies were discovered on the grounds of the Residential School in Kamloops, BC. We also support the demands of Indigenous Peoples across Canada to search the grounds of other former Residential Schools to see if more children might be found. Lord, we take comfort in knowing that none of these children died alone but each one was held within your loving embrace. We pray for their families and their communities as they seek answers and demand justice. Lord, the names of these precious souls may never be known to us, but they have always been known to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen**

**Share the peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you always, in your home and in mine, and throughout God's creation.

**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

**<https://youtu.be/-RnRfJoYmjs>**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

**Amen**

### **Blessing:**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✝ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: WOV # 793 'Be Thou My Vision' (Bradley Moggach – organ)**

**Click here: <https://youtu.be/C2DkJKyKYN4>**

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### **Dismissal:**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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