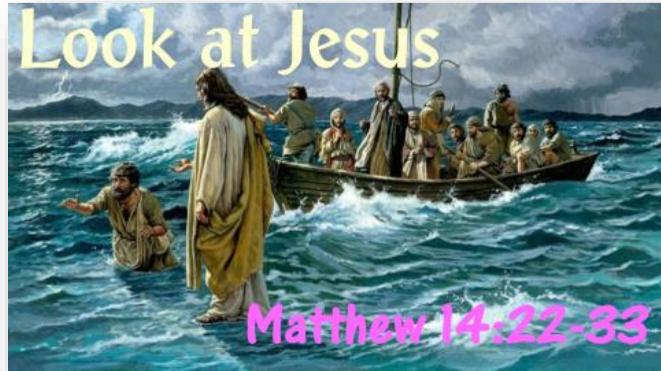


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Standing on the Promises" (vs 1 & 3) Choir # 339 BH

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

JESUS walks to us over the water.

"Call to us, LORD. We long to be with YOU."

JESUS calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

"Save us, LORD, we're sinking!"

JESUS saves us from our fears and delivers us from the storm.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Ricky Tipps

339 BH

Pastor

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:22-33;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music "The Anchor Holds"

David Cost

Sermon Matthew 14:22-33;

Pastor

"Go On Ahead To The Other Side"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs 1 & 4) # 161 BH

*Prayer of Confession Pastor

GOD of infinite possibilities, we are like a boat that is beaten by the storm: without YOUR aid we are powerless to get where we are going. Grant us the courage of Peter to believe that through YOUR power anything is possible. Give us the confidence of YOUR followers to live as dreamers, even when the world turns against us, that we may always be found faithful. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

CHRIST'S love is greater than our deepest failings. "The scripture says, 'No one who believes in HIM will be put to shame.' (...) For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.'" **Thanks be to God!**

*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" (vs 1 & 3) # 446 BH

If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar; you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!

*Charge & Benediction Pastor

GOD blesses us with strength for the journey. CHRIST lifts us up from the raging waters of life. The SPIRIT guides us with dreams full of hope and promise. Our lives rest secure in the ONE who is faithful.

Go in Peace!

Amen.

Offering "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

Postlude Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, but now we are back in our sanctuary.

The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal". We are children of God, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is un-normal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

August 16, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., Good Days Will Return,
And We Will Meet Again**

☞ For Our Guests ☞

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to God as we worship the true and living God together.



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Sermon: Matthew 14:22-33;
**Go On Ahead
To The Other Side**

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
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THEME IDEAS

Even in the midst of our failings, GOD can turn human weakness into acts of deliverance. Paul proclaims that all who profess CHRIST with their lips and believe in HIM with their whole heart will be saved. Matthew 14 recalls the story of Peter's fears and doubts as he walks on the water toward JESUS. JESUS rescues Peter from the sea and admonishes him for his doubts.



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Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, AUGUST 9, 2020



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