

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday • April 21, 2024

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

— WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Maisie Brown*

CALL to WORSHIP *by Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters*

One: In the busyness of our days and the long watches of the night,

People: We come seeking moments of rest.

One: In the solitude of the mountainside, alone,

People: Jesus found peace in prayer.

One: Let us pause in our lives, following his steps,

People: Connecting with the Divine Presence that refreshes the soul.

One: Come, let us worship and find rest,

All: And draw near to the heart of God.

*SONG *Sanctuary* *Maisie Brown*
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS of PEOPLE & SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 14: 14-27*

Guest Preacher

MESSAGE *About Eating Pumpkins*

Rev. Walt Hampton

*SONG #97 *He's Got the Whole World* *Maisie Brown*

— OFFERING —

*SONG #44 *Doxology* *Maisie Brown*

PRAYER of DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION *Maisie Brown*

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways,

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

SCRIPTURE — *MATTHEW 14:14-27*

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, *“This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”*

Jesus replied, *“They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”*

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. *“It’s a ghost,”* they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: *“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”*

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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Dean, Don, George, Joan, Jean, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Irene, Laurie, Lee, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Parker, Phaedra, Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Robert, Val, Vivianne Elizabeth, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson's sister, Tish's mother & family and Stam family.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home.

For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving, including the family of Jacob.

For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions making choices that affect other people.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PLACES

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.
