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Walking On Waves

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

I Will Trust in the Lord

Traditional Spiritual
LMUMC Bell Choir

Welcome

Sue Dickey

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Liz Hendrickson

Leader: Jesus is calling you today.

Listen! Hear his call in your hearts.

**People: We are so troubled, and we don't know
whether we dare to trust in this call.**

Leader: Don't be afraid. Take the step.

People: But it feels so risky.

Leader: Come, reach out to the Lord;

Jesus is reaching out to you.

All: Lord, grasp our hands and our hearts.

Heal and strengthen us with your love. Amen

ministry matters

Opening Song

(Please stand if able)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
TFWS 2146

**1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;**

though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies;
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

Liz Hendrickson

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 heart! It is I. Don't be afraid."
"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord,
save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said,
"why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were
in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Sermon

Walking on Waves

Rev. Jeff Kunkel

Prayers & Gratitudes

Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)

UMH 494 vs 1,2

**1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum by yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!**

**2. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!**

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

**Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.**

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;
and for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

Stand By Me

UMH 512 vs 1,2,3,4

1. When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me (stand by me);
when the storms of life are raging,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water,
stand by me. (stand by me).
2. In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of tribulation,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When the host of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle,
stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and failures
stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of faults and failures
stand by me. (stand by me).
When I've done the best I can,
and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me,
stand by me. (stand by me)

4 In the midst of persecution,
stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of persecution,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When my foes in war array
undertake to stop my way,
thou who savèd Paul and Silas,
stand by me. (stand by me).

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Liz Hendrickson

Leader: When the wind is strong and the waves are high,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Leader: When our dreams come to nothing,
and we wonder what lies ahead,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Leader: When those we love disappoint us,
or hurt us deeply,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Leader: When we begin to question God's call,
or doubt God's love,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Leader: When we've lost all hope,
and don't know where to turn,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Leader: When our faith is stretched to the breaking point,
remember the words of Jesus:

People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

**All: For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are Mine.
When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you.
When you pass through rivers of difficulty,
you will not be overwhelmed.
For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Amen**

Christine Longhurst (adapt)

Postlude

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