

Order of Worship for Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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† - indicates to rise in body or in spirit * - not available in recorded service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 1-7 - Pastor Theresa on vacation. Urgent needs; Pastor Valerie Delooze 814-880-2367

June 16, 18-19 - Susquehanna Annual Conference; Pray for our Lay Members Beth Brown and Randy Muthersbaugh and Katie Bush (St. James Coburn) is a voting Youth Delegate

CENTERING WORDS Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Who has the Lord called to serve?

P: Is it the great and mighty?

L: In whom has the Lord found favor?

P: Is it those with power and prestige?

L: In each one of us, God has found favor!

P: Let us serve the Lord with gladness and joy. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN Be Still, My Soul UMH #534

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Adam and Eve

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

MESSAGE No Time Like the Present

*† CLOSING HYMN Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus UMH #514

COMMISSION & BLESSING

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BIBLE STUDY: Enduring the Storms

Read: [Mark 4:35-41](#) and [2 Corinthians 6:1-13](#)

- If participants are willing, invite them to tell of the last “storm” or difficult season they encountered in their lives.
- What is the disciples’ question to Jesus in Mark 4:38? Why might this have been particularly hurtful to Jesus? *[It was likely hurtful to hear they questioned whether he cared about their well-being.]*
- Why might Jesus be using the same phrases against the wind and sea (in v. 39) that Jesus uses when casting out demons (see Mark 1:25 as one example)? *[It reveals that more is going on than merely a physical threat, as bad as that was.]*
- After everything the disciples had seen to this point of being with Jesus, why was their reaction what it was in verse 41? *[Only God could command the waves and seas, and here Jesus does it! What does that imply about Jesus?]*
- Why might it be important that Paul can speak about “now” being the day of salvation while also listing potential storms (1 Corinthians 6:4-5)? *[It proves that experiencing salvation does not diminish the fact that we will all have to endure trials.]*
- Why is it important that Paul is addressing this to the entire community (and using the plural of the word ‘you’)? *[They are in this together and that is how they will survive the storms that they will face.]*

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, you not only calm the storms that we find ourselves in, but you are also “in the boat” with us. When we doubt; when we are fearful; when we are tempted to disbelieve, strengthen our belief. Help us to trust in the power of your grace. Amen.