

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** *Movement I from Concerto in G Major (BWV 592)*

J.Ernst/J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

One: Children of God, come to the waters.

**All: We gather to be restored and renewed.**

One: Come, with your faith and your doubt.

**All: We respond to the one who claims and calls us.**

One: Come, Christ summons us to draw near.

**All: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!****Hymn** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
 who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
 who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
 and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
 from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid. We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than your assurances to us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you've given us to do the things you ask. Forgive us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us from our fear that we might follow you faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon****Passing the Peace of Christ****Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading:** Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately

reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**Homily** “Facing the Storm”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit we trust in the one Triune God, the holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Offering** *Be Thou My Vision*

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

arr. Richard Walters

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence, my light.  
Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;  
Thy my great Father and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Finale from Partita on Hymn to Joy*

Charles Callahan



**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Dee Lowery & Joannie King; Harvey Coe (Brett Coe's father); Imelda Carrillo and her daughter, Monica, and granddaughter, Lauren; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Bob Pesl; Joan Gibertini's grandson Johnathan Hackney, and son Tim Tovey; Chère Wharry; Averie Weigler (Bonnie and Jim Keith's granddaughter).

**Loss of loved one:** George Yeargin - pray for Cindy Lamb and George's family on his sudden death, August 6th.

**Emergency Contact for each member needed for our church records.**

We are updating our records and want to have an emergency contact for everyone. Please contact the church at 281-991-8700 (*leave a message*) or email at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!

**FPC Ministries and Groups Zoom Videoconference Meetings.** We have held several Zoom meetings with good success! Prayer Shawl and the Deacons met last week. To arrange a meeting with your ministry or group, contact Barbara to schedule a Zoom videoconference at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).