

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 23, 2020**  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

arr. Victor Labenske

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 89

Your love, O LORD, forever will we sing;  
from age to age our mouths will proclaim your faithfulness.  
For we are persuaded that your love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.  
Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen, let us say, Amen.

**Hymn 816**

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, what-e'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take what-e'er the Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.  
Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth. Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## Homily

*Lord save me!*

## Offertory

*I Surrender All*

arr. Janice Faber

## Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

## Hymn 442

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Call on Jesus*

arr. Jim Hammerly