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 for Messiah, community and world.

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**Energized by Worship, we reflect God's Love in the community with acts of service that positively transform lives.**

Messiah August 9, 2020

WELCOME

*Mighty To Save: Bruce A Henry*

**Ev'ryone needs compassion. Love that's never failing  
 Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
 The kindness of a Saviour. The hope of nations**

**Chorus**

**Saviour He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save  
 He is mighty to save. Forever Author of salvation  
 He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave**

**Verse 2**

**So take me as You find me. All my fears and failures  
 Fill my life again. I give my life to follow  
 Ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender**

**Bridge**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're singing  
 For the glory of the risen King Jesus  
 Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're singing  
 For the glory of the risen King**

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P:** Holy God of wind and fire;

**C: Call out to us this day!**

**P:** Holy God of earthquakes and illness; Stormy Days and restless nights

**C: Share our tears of sadness and pain; Hold us in your arms. Cast our fear away!**

**P:** Holy God of creation and new beginnings;

**C: Show us again your vision of healing and wholeness. AMEN**

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER**

Pastor: Life seems to get crazy sometimes. We love the smooth times when all is well, but, O Lord, we have serious problems with wind and waves. Lord we know we need you. So we turn to you Lord now in these troubled times and ask for forgiveness and new beginnings.

**Congregation: Lord, the waters of our time are getting rough and the waves of these troubled time are swamping the boats of our life, we cry out in fear, Lord save us. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us. We have placed our safety and security in other things. Forgive us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: Don't be afraid. Just as Jesus lifted Peter up immediately, Jesus receives us and heals us. Receive God's Forgiveness, Receive God's mercy, receive God's Joy.  
**AMEN!**

*Here I am Lord: Deb Brown*

**"I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

**REFRAIN:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?. I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me., I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"**

**REFRAIN**

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest break I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"**

**HEARING THE WORD**

FIRST READING

(SEE INSERT) PSALM 85:8-13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Gustafson

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], 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."

The Good News of Jesus Christ **C: Praise to you O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Louise Britts

*My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord*

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting AMEN**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their need. *A brief silence*

*My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord: Bruce A. Henry*

Though the storms keep on raging in my life  
And sometimes it's hard to tell the night from day  
Still that hope that lies within is reassured.  
As I keep my eyes upon the distant shore  
I know He'll lead me safely to. That blessed place He has prepared  
But if the storms don't cease. And if the winds keep on blowing in my life  
My soul has been anchored in the Lord Ooh, ooh  
I realize that sometimes in this life  
We're gonna be tossed by the waves. And the currents that seem so fierce  
One thing I like. But in the word of God I've got an anchor, hallelujah  
And it keeps me steadfast and unmovable Despite the tide  
But if, if the storms just don't cease  
And just in case the wind keeps on blowing  
Blowing in my life My soul. My soul's been anchored  
In the Lord. In the Lord Lord

My soul. My soul been anchored In the Lord. My soul. My soul  
My, my-my-my my. My, my-my-my my, my, my, my  
My soul, My soul been anchored{4x}

Though the billiards may roll. The breakers may dash  
But I shall not sway because. He hold me fast. So dark the day  
Clouds in the sky. I know it's alright. Because Jesus is nigh  
And my soul

My soul. My soul. My, my-my my My, my-my my, my, my, my, my, my  
My, my-my my, my, my, my. My soul(4x)  
My, my-my. My, my-my-my my my, My, my-my my  
My, my-my-my-my-my my My, my, my-my-my-my my, my. My, listen

You crush me down but Jesus picks me up  
He sticks right by me when the going gets tough  
And my soul. My soul. My soul. My soul has been anchored in the...  
My soul(4x). My, my-my-my My, my-my-my  
My, my-my-my, my-my-my my

Though the billiards may roll. And the breakers may dash  
I shall not sway 'cause he hold me. He hold me  
Through sickness and pain. Sunshine and the rain  
My, my, my, my, my, my, my. My, my-my-my (my, my-my-my)  
My, my-my-my (my, my-my-my). My soul (my soul)  
My soul has been. Has been, help me say it. Anchored  
Anchored. In, in to the Lord

Gracious God, we thank you for today—for right now! Thank You for the gift of Community in Christ, and for calling each one of us—by our names—to a life of Abundance as a part of the Body of Christ in this world. Though we continue to be separated for now by this current reality of the Covid-19 virus, we know that no virus, or anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from Your Love. And Loving God, we know that it is Your Love that binds us all together—whether we are separated for a time or not. And Lord help us to believe this—and to claim it—and to live it—for there is truly not a time or a place or a situation where You are not.

**Lord, in Your Mercy. C: Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we know that it's easy for us to come to You and proclaim our faith when things are going well. But sometimes the waters get rough and waves threaten to swamp us. We thank You that over the wind and the waves You keep calling us to put all of our trust in You. Help us to take our focus off of the wind and of the waves and to place our gaze directly upon You. May we hear You call and respond in faith. May we always seek first Your Kingdom and all its Righteousness—and then trust You for it all.

**Lord, in Your Mercy. C: Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, today we're praying for many in our midst.... We pray for our homes, families, neighborhoods. We give You thanks for the successful run of SummerPlace! We pray that You will bless our upcoming parking lot "Revivals"—at 6:00PM on August 16 and August 30—as we eagerly look forward to them! May they be Spirit-filled and safe events! We pray for the ministry of Messiah, the Community Bridge, the Minneapolis Area Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Lord God we pray for a quick end to this Covid-19 pandemic, and for all who work on the front lines of care and research and protection. May every government, and also each one of us, make faithful, just, wise, and loving decisions to bring about the end of this coronavirus.

Now at this time we pause to give each one of us opportunity to add petitions of our own....

*Now we take a moment for everyone to add your own prayers:*

Lord, in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, today and always, we thank You for the gift of families and friends. Please bless them and be with them! During this current reality we pray for those who lack family and friends. We thank you for the gift of food. During this current reality we pray for those who lack enough food. We thank You for the gift of clothing. During this current reality we pray for those who need clothing. And Lord we thank You for the gift of shelter—a place to call home. During this current reality we pray for those who would love stable housing and a place to call home. Today we ask, O God, that You help each one of us to live out Your Steadfast Love, Your Justice, and Your Righteousness—each in our own way—in this world.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

**THE 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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Benediction: The Lord Bless and Keep you. The Lord let His face shine upon you and be merciful. The Lord look upon you and grant you peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Shackles: Deb Brown*

**Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance  
I just want to praise you. I just want to praise You.  
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands  
And I'm gonna praise you. I'm gonna praise you**

**In the corners of mind. I just can't seem to find a reason to believe  
That I can break free. Cause I've been down for so long  
Feel like the hope is gone. But as I lift my hands, I understand  
That I should praise you through each circumstance**

**Everything that could go wrong. All went wrong at one time  
So much pressure fell on me. I thought I was gon lose my mind  
But I know you want to see. If I will hold on through these trials  
But I need you to lift this load. Cause I can't take it anymore**

**Been through the fire and through rain. Bound in every kind of way  
But God has broken every chain. So let me go right now**

**Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance  
I just want to praise you. I just want to praise you  
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands  
And I'm gonna praise you. I'm gonna praise you**

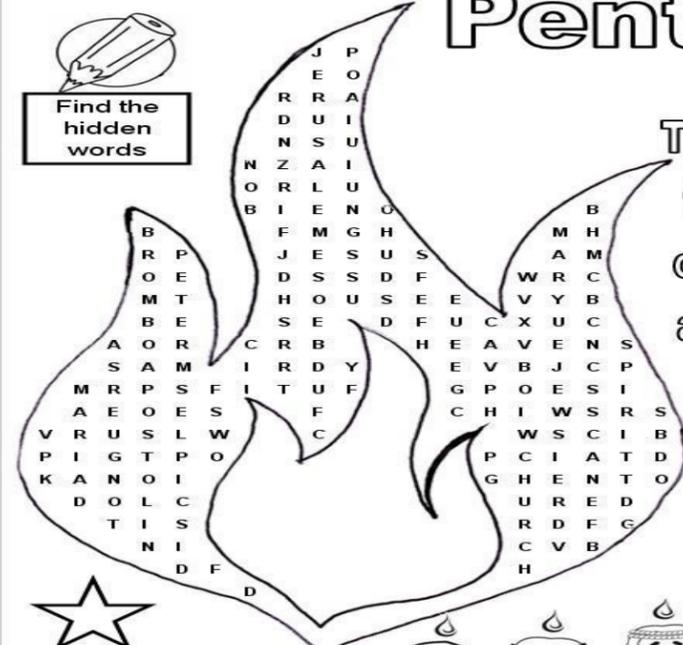
**Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance  
I just want to praise you. I just want to praise you  
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands  
And I'm gonna praise you. I'm just want to praise you.**

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# Pentecost

  
**Find the hidden words**



**Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.**

**Acts 2:3**

  
**Wind  
Heaven  
House  
Tongues  
Fire  
Spirit  
Jews  
Jerusalem  
Peter  
Jesus  
Wine  
Disciples  
Mary  
Church**

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**AS YOU LEAVE TODAY,** please take a moment to meet, greet and shake hands with someone new or someone you'd like to know better.  
**WHEN THE WORSHIP IS OVER, THE SERVICE BEGINS!**