



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Blessed Quietness, M.P. Ferguson

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 85

Leader: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!

HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save, Melita

1 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.

3 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.

2 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.

4 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of our wrongdoing into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence (*continue with silent confession...*). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives.

People: Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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."

SERMON

Step Out!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, Solid Rock

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in c minor, J.S. Bach

Leaders Today

Pastor.....	Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist.....	Jean Loup
Minister of Music	Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech.....	John Tarr