



August 9, 2026



Jesus Walks on Water, Paul Oman

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace McDowell

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises;
tell of all God's wonderful works.

The wind may blow and the waves may rise,
but the Lord is our strength and our song.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Let us worship God in faith and trust.

*HYMN # 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

The disciples saw the wind and were terrified. Peter stepped out in faith but began to sink when he saw the storm. Trusting in the steady hand of Christ, let us confess the ways we allow fear to overwhelm our faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Holy God, we confess that we are often afraid. We look at the wind and the waves of our lives and we begin to sink. We doubt Your presence when the storm is loud, and we forget Your faithfulness when the path is uncertain.

We prioritize our own safety over Your call to step out in faith. We see the struggles of our neighbors and decide the waters are too deep for us to reach out. We focus on the wind instead of Your Word.

Forgive us, O God. Reach out Your hand and catch us. Call us out of our fear and into the peace of Your kingdom. Teach us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, even in the midst of the storm. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Friends in Christ, Jesus speaks to us in the midst of the storm: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Christ meets us with mercy and welcomes us back to the safety of His love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 581

"Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the quiet of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the living of our days, may Your Word be shown; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Grace McDowell

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

When he summoned famine against the land
and cut off every supply of bread,
he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord kept testing him.

The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.

that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Will Come & Save You”
by Bob Fitts & Gary Sadler

Valerie Adelung

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

Jenn DiFrancesco

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Waters Are Not Too Deep

Jenn DiFrancesco

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jenn DiFrancesco

From the Confession of Belhar, adapted for worship

The Confession of Belhar was first drafted in South Africa in 1982 and formally adopted there in 1986, arising from the church’s struggle against apartheid. The PC(USA) added Belhar to its Book of Confessions in 2016, receiving its call to visible unity, reconciliation in Christ, and justice for those who are poor, wronged, or pushed aside.

**We believe in the triune God,
who gathers, protects, and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made visible in the church,
as the community of believers reconciled with God
and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is "both a gift and an obligation,"
and that the people of God are called
to love one another, serve one another,
bear one another's burdens,
and share one hope.**

**We believe that, at Christ's table,
we "eat of one bread and drink of one cup."**

**We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed
and bread to the hungry,
and that the church must "stand where the Lord stands,"
against injustice and with the wronged.**

**Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God be honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

In a world of diverse needs and experiences, we are called to be Christ's hands and feet. Let us give generously, not only of our financial resources but also of our time, talents, and compassion. Through our gifts, may we reach out to our community and beyond, sharing God's love in tangible ways.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Romanza” by Ludwig van Beethoven

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY # 606**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, You provide for us in ways beyond our understanding. We offer these gifts as a response to Your abundant grace. Multiply their impact so that they may bring hope to the hopeless, comfort to the afflicted, and Your light to those in darkness. Guide us in using all our resources to build bridges of understanding and compassion in our divided world. In the name of Jesus, who gave himself for all, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN # 353**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

Recessional on “St. Denio” by Gordon Young

Valerie Adelung

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8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

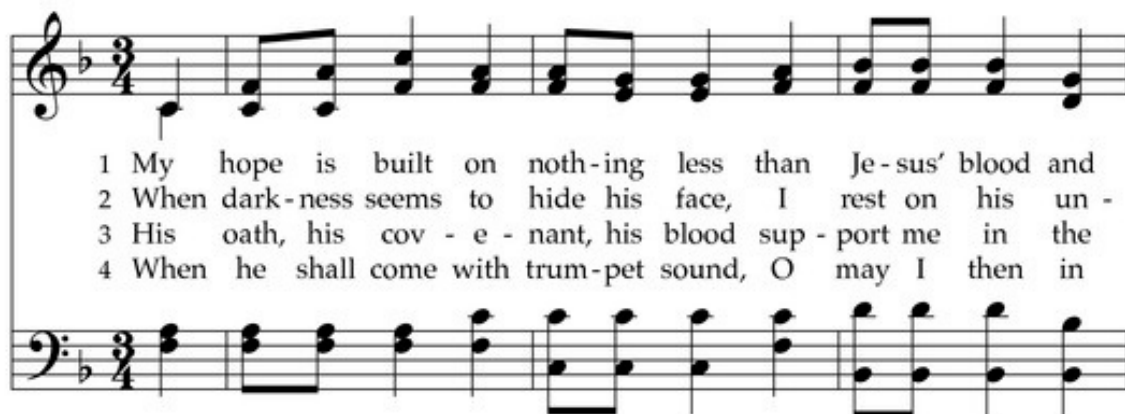
This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

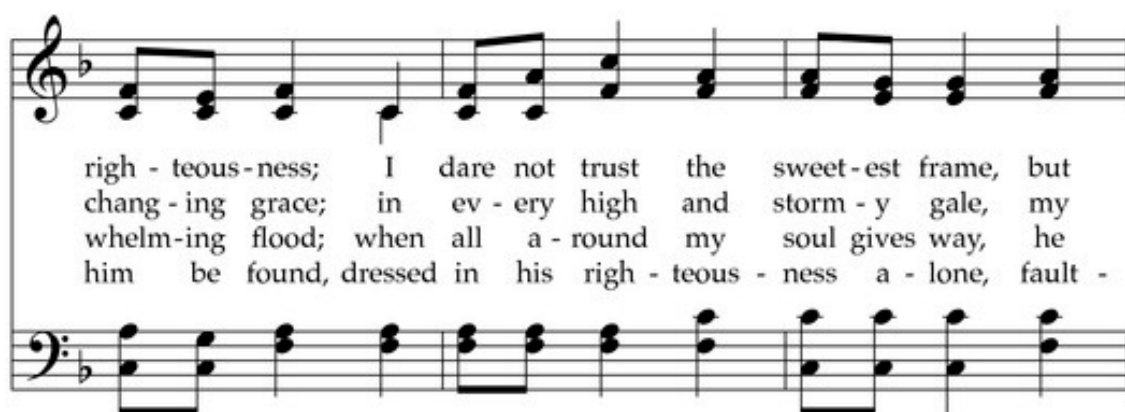
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righteous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.