Upper St. Croix Parish

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

August 9th, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in service (outdoor).
*please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE
Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING OF THE GREETINGS
The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. ***"Peace be with You!"***

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive
Welcome to this time of shared prayer,
when we encourage one another in our ministry.
We need this time for reassurance
and strengthening for all we face in life.
Here we remember the faith we hold in common
and find renewal and encouragement.
It is often difficult to sense God's presence
in the headlines or in our daily contacts.
It is hard to see ourselves as Christ's representatives
when so few seem to put faith first.
We feel alone and unappreciated,
as if we were the only faithful ones left.
When everyone marches to a different drummer,
it is hard to know who's out of step.
Bring us together to hear your still small voice
so we can recognize you when we're apart. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
UMH 89 (vs. 1 & 4)

OPENING PRAYER Unison
Mighty God, whom we long to see by some powerful revelation or miraculous intervention, speak to us in a still small voice. We seek you on behalf of the multitudes who need your transforming power, but also for ourselves. Encourage us to take the next step in response to your summons. Help us to renew by faith, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 14:22-33**
22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of
him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had
dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that
night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable
distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26
When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a
ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be
afraid."
28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
29 "Come," he said.
Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward
Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink,
cried out, "Lord, save me!"
31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little
faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"
32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those
who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of
God."

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Be Still, My Soul* **UMH 534**

SERMON ***"Let us Look to the Lord"*** **Pastor Jenny Lee**
(If you are not able to join us for Service,
one of your family members may read the written sermon.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison
O God, we lift up our hearts of little faith. Reform our doubts, that faith may empower us. We trust God saves us from our foes and delivers us from the power of our enemies. Help us to find gladness and joy in God's steadfast love so we may be witnesses to truth, and workers for peace, and leaders with deep compassion for people, and nurtured by faith. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please prepare your offering. If you are not able to join us for Service, please send it to the church, or bring it to the church the next time you are there. Thank you.)

***DOXOLOGY** **UMH 95**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison
We bring no fine pearls or costly treasure to share with the world. But what we bring we dedicate to the search for eternal values. We would be a church that introduces people to the realm of heaven and treats them as your worthy children. Bless each gift, all who give, and every work these offerings support. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***HYMN** *I Know Whom I Have believed* **UMH 714 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Jenny Lee**
God bless you, and stay in peace!

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