

**June 24, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Call to Quiet Meditation: As We Gather . . . Psalm 9: 9-11**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.  
Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.  
Declare his deeds among the peoples.

**Prelude**

**Greetings and Welcome**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Concerns and Celebrations of the Church**

**Fellowship Registration and Time of Greeting**

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the row, record information, and return the pad to its starting point. Then please remove sheet and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.*

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;  
**for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!**  
Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn of Praise #624, "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"**

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. When enemies attack us, we trust in our own defenses. When deadly storms surround us, we forget that you are with us. Forgive us, God of grace. In our hardship and affliction teach us to trust that you alone can deliver us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.....**

**Time of Silent Prayer....**

**\*Sung Prayer #654, "In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"**

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice!**  
**Look to God; do not be afraid.**  
**Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**  
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**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: “In Christ we are forgiven. Your sins have been redeemed.”  
**We can declare with confidence: We are forgiven.**

**\*Sung Response #654, “In The Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”**

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Living God, “Here I am.” you have searched me and known me; you are always with me.  
Now speak and I will listen.**

**First Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

**Anthem**

**Second Lesson:** Mark 4:35–41

**Sermon Title:** “Peace Like A River”

**Affirmation of Faith**

from “*A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*” 2018

**WE BELIEVE** that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. A commitment to speaking truth, the ninth commandment of the Decalogue, “You shall not bear false witness” (Exodus 20:16), is foundational to shared trust in society. Falsehood can enslave us, but Jesus promises, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32). The search and respect for truth is crucial to anyone who follows Christ.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined. The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation’s highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behavior of families and children. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light.

**Hymn of Response #815**

**“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”**

FESTAL SONG

**Prayers of the People ending with 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 sins, as we forgive the sins of others; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology with Alleluias**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise Christ all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sending Hymn #840**

**“When Peace like a River”**

VILLE DU HAVRE

**\*The Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**