This Week

Today:

—Join us following worship for coffee and fellowship

Tuesday September 6:

—2PM: UMW/UFW

Thursday, September 8:

—10AM Bible Study

—1:30 PM: Joy Circle

Sunday, September 11:

Liturgist: J.R. Hanson Ushers: Tim & Jodie Murray, Audrey Brod, Teresa Burns

Greeters: Betty Fenske, Betty

Kay Hulsebus

Accompanist: Staci Thompson

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Camp Oz, sponsored by the Mayo Clinic: This one-day camp for children grades 1-12, will be held this year on Saturday, October 1st, will be offered free of charge at Camp Patterson, on Lake Washington, Madison Lake. There is a flyer for details and share with any families with children who have suffered a loss and might benefit from attending this camp. Please note that registration is required, and the deadline for applications is September 23. (A link to the online application is supplied on the flyer in the Narthex.)

Reminder: on November 15th, the truck will be here at Hope to load up UMCOR kits and items for Midwest Mission Distribution. We are in need of volunteers to load the truck from 4-5 PM! Watch for more info!

Considerations are underway for Service Groups, or some other ideas in that capacity! From after church fellowship to funerals, it is important to keep a method of service in our kitchen! Please keep this in mind as you receive the survey with information, and ways that you can help!



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Sunday September 4, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Worship Celebration September 4, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

All: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

One: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

All: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

One: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

All: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

*Hymn

"Stand By Me"

UMH 512

*Unison Prayer

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

*Hymn

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

UMH 277

Children's Message

Sermon

"Keeping Focus"

Jenny Lewis

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lords Prayer

Doxology

*Closing Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH 474

*Benediction

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:17-35

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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."

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him.