



Grove Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th, 2020 10:15 AM

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Welcome

Announcements

Prelude arranged by Greg Howlett

“Like a River Glorious”

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to step out onto the water with Him.

All: This requires us to leave the safety of our boats.

One: Jesus calls us to walk toward him in faith.

All: We fear the wind and waves of the world.

One: Remember His words: “Do not be afraid”, “Take courage” and “I am here”.

All: We go in faith to follow where Jesus leads us.

Gathering Hymn see page 4

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(Verses 1-4)

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us gather before God to confess our sins that stand in the path of faith so that we may be forgiven.

All: God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We

confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead. It is not always easy to turn away from our own pre-conceived notions, personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that we know You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to Your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, therefore having been justified by faith, know that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: The bible tells us so. Amen.

Response

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

(Verse 3)

**While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

Passing of the Peace (air waves, no touching)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

“Faith over Filters”

Commissioning of Bryan Holmes

Special Music

by Zach Williams

“Fear Is a Liar”

*When he told you you're not good enough,
When he told you you're not right,
When he told you you're not strong enough to put up a good fight;
When he told you you're not worthy,
When he told you you're not loved,
When he told you you're not beautiful, that you'll never be enough,*

Chorus: (Oh) Fear he is a liar.

*He will take your breath stop you in your steps.
Fear he is a liar; He will rob your rest, steal your happiness.
Cast your fear in the fire 'cause fear he is a liar*

*When he told you were troubled, you'll forever be alone;
When he told you you should run away, you'll never find a home;
When he told you you were dirty, and you should be ashamed;
When he told you you could be the one
that grace could never change...Chorus*

*Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel...Chorus*

'Cause fear he is a liar.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Sending Hymn

see page 5

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Blessing

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for my wonderful Grove Church family and the blessing of your friendship.

~Sue Oberkircher



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Participants in today's service: Wendy Adelsberger (worship leader), Brian Crane, Eloise Bennett and Cathy Sanders (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), The Reverends Jason Clapper, Bob Andrews and Steve Cureton (Commissioning), Scott Lawvere (recording), Joy Christian (organist), Bryan Holmes (sermon).



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