

# Welcome to Worship

## June 23rd, 2024

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### Prelude

*Preludium in D major ~ Antonín Dvořák*

### Gathering Hymn

*God, Bless the Hands ~ ACS 1022*

### Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### First Reading Job 38:1-11

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

Word of God. Word of life

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships,**  
**plying their trade in deep waters.**

They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.

**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,**  
**which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,**  
**and all their skill was of no avail.**

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

Then were they glad when it grew calm  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

**Second Reading    2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

**Gospel                    Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**Hymn of the Day                    *When Peace, Like a River* ~ ELW 785**

**Musical Offering                    *It Is Well With My Soul* ~ arr. Craig Phillips**

**Offertory Hymn                    *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ~ ELW 494 (vs. 1-2)**

**Communion Hymn                    *Nothing Can Trouble* ~ ACS 1033 (3x)**

**Sending Hymn                    *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* ~ ELW 763**

**Postlude                                *Fughetta in D major* ~ Antonín Dvořák**