



the open door ~ praise & worship service
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying

08.16.17 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song "Open the Eyes of my Heart, LORD"

song "LORD I need You"

prayers of the people

gospel reading Matthew 14: 22-33 [NRSV]

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

²³ And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, He was there alone,

²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶ But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying,

"It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered Him,

"LORD, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "LORD, save me!"

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught Him, saying to Him,

"You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

*The Word of God to the People of God! **Thanks be to God!***

message on the steps

listening for God's message

[Short film "Don't be a Sucker" by 1947 The US War Department;
Short videos on race and identity bias: "Check Our Bias To Wreck Our Bias"
& "High-Heels and a Warming" by the NYT and POV]

presentation of the offerings

Holy Communion

song "Oceans, Where My Feet May Fail"

song "Blessed Be Your Name"

benediction & passing the peace

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