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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Exodus 1:22-2:9 (The Voice)

²² In response to the rapid growth in the Hebrew population, Pharaoh issued a command to his people.

Pharaoh: Every boy who is born to the Hebrews must be thrown into the Nile, and every girl is to be left alive.

Pharaoh wants the boys dead because he knows they may grow up to fight against him, but he wants the girls to live. He is sure he can find a use for them.

² One day a man and woman—both from the tribe of Levi—married. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that her son was healthy and beautiful, she feared for his safety; so she kept him hidden from view for three whole months.

³ When she could no longer keep him hidden away, she took a basket made of reeds, sealed it with tar and pitch, and placed her baby boy in it. Then she wedged the basket among the reeds along the edge of the Nile River.

⁴ All the while, the child's sister watched from a distance to see what might happen to her baby brother.

⁵ Later on Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river while her young attendants walked along the bank nearby. Pharaoh's daughter

noticed the basket wedged among the reeds and wondered what it might contain. So she instructed her maid to bring it to her. ⁶ When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she found the baby boy. He was crying, and her heart melted with compassion.

Pharaoh's Daughter: This is a Hebrew child.

Child's Sister (coming out of her hiding place): ⁷ Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for you?

Pharaoh's Daughter: ⁸ All right. Go find a nurse.

So the baby's sister went and fetched his mother. The boy's mother approached Pharaoh's daughter.

Pharaoh's Daughter (to the nurse): ⁹ Here! Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you for your services.

So the woman took the child—who was secretly her own son—and nursed him just as Pharaoh's daughter had instructed.

Matthew 14 22-33 (NRSVUE)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a 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,[a] 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 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,[b] 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."

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am
worn; through the storm,
Through the night, Lead me on
to the light:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Verse 2

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
(Refrain)

Verse 3

When the darkness appears and
the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone, at
the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my
hand: (Refrain)

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Help Us Accept Each Other

Verse 1

Help us accept each other As Christ
accepted us; Teach us as sister,
brother, Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and
bring us to believe we are ourselves
accepted and meant to love and live.

Verse 2

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life we struggle to
Be human and search for hope and
faith. Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some, to love
them as we find them, or as they
may become.

Verse 3

Let Your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in
love; to practice Your acceptance,
Until we know by heart the table of
forgiveness and laughter's healing
art.

Verse 4

Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on;
Renew us with Your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

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HYMNS

My Life Is in You, Lord

Verse 1

My life is in You, Lord;
My strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord;
In You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord;
My strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord;
In You, it's in You.

Chorus

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, and all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.
In you, it's in you, in you.

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The First Song of Isaiah

Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
And he will be my savior. (X3)

Carol Wallis, Jack Noble White

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Entering Music

Accompanist

Welcome (Greeting)

Pastor Dave

Announcements (Announcing)

Pastor Dave

Prelude (Preparing)

Accompanist

*Call to Worship (Gathering)

Lay Reader

Reader: Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

Many Voices: We seek God's presence all around us.

Reader: Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

Many Voices: We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

Reader: Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

Many Voices: We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

Reader: Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

Many Voices: We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

Reader: As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

Many Voices: Amen!

*Opening Hymns (Singing) "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS #2032

& "The First Song of Isaiah" (X3) TFWS #2030

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Conversing with Children)

Pastor Dave

Community Prayer & Lord's Prayer (Praying)

Lay Reader

(silent prayer)

Reader: Gracious and Loving God, if it's you, we need to hear from you when we are alone...

When we go away to pray...

When we have little faith...

When we are battered by the waves...
When we get in the boat...
When we're terrified by our ghosts...
When we seek you on the mountain...
When we cry out in fear...
When we start walking on water...
When we begin to sink...
[silent prayer]

Jesus, our Teacher and Redeemer, if it's you, speak to us. Calm our fears and calm our storms. Strengthen our resolve and remind us who you are. Walk to us, call to us, save us. Reach out your hand and catch us. Quiet the wind around us.
[silent prayer]

Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation (Giving) Pastor Dave

Offertory & *Doxology (Blessing Our Gifts With Music)
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dedication Prayer (Blessing Our Gifts With Prayer)** Lay Reader
Many Voices: Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put

our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. Amen.

Scripture Reading (Reading Scripture) Lay Reader
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 1:22-2:9 (The Voice)
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)
Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.
Many Voices: Amen!

Hymn (Singing) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

Sermon (Proclaiming) "Wandering, Not Lost or Afraid" Pastor Dave

***Closing Hymn (Singing)** "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560

***Benediction (Sending Forth)** Pastor Dave

Postlude Accompanist