

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!  
4. May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is  
gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own  
cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

*Refrain*  
well with my soul.  
blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,  
Lord, O my soul!  
well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastor Laura Baker

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Kevin Crone

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**HYMN**

*Stand by Me*  
*(Sing: Verse 1, ONLY)*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm New Living Translation)

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

**Congregation: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!**

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

**Congregation: God who rules wind and water, stand by me."**

Pastor: God stands with us in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

**Congregation: God gently guides us to safety and peace.**

**All people: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN**

*Stand by Me*  
*Sing ALL verses, beginning with verse 1*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor: 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.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All people:** *Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him and bid him come out of the boat. Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink. Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide and lift us to safety — that is the promise you have given to us and we believe it. When our faith slips, scoop us*

*up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. Amen.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord.

*All people: Alleluia! Amen!*

**PRAISE HYMN** *Gloria Patri* **Hymnal, #493**

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: God's pardon and transforming love gives us great peace. Let us turn then to one another and share that same God-given peace with one another offering the words: "The peace of God be with you..."

**Congregation:** "And, also with you."

*(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)*

**JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"**

**HYMN** *Jesus, Calls Us* **Hymnal #207**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-14** **Grace Gichner**

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 14:22-33** **Grace Gichner**

**SERMON** **Rev. Laura Baker**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using "sins")

*All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Mr. Kevin Crone**

*(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)*

#### OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: The richness of God's mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel.

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Hymnal, #258**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*All people: Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**HYMN** *When Peace Like a River* **Bulletin, Page 4**

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace.

*All people: Amen.*

#### POSTLUDE

#### References

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