

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from Matthew 14:22-33)

Leader: Come, people of God, whether you arrive with confidence or with questions.

People: We come to worship the One who is greater than every storm.

L: When the winds of fear rise around us, Christ comes near and says, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

P: We lift our eyes to Jesus, our Savior and our Lord.

L: When our faith is strong, Christ calls us to step out in trust.

P: When our faith falters, Christ reaches out His hand to hold us.

P: We place our hope in the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Son of God, who calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and is worthy of all praise. Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Page 133

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (Based on Genesis 37 and Matthew 14:22-33)

Leader: Gracious and Merciful God, We come before You confessing that we have not always trusted You with our whole hearts.

People: Like Peter, we long to follow Jesus, yet when the winds of fear and uncertainty rise around us, we take our eyes off You and begin to sink into doubt, worry, and self-reliance. Forgive us for the times we have allowed fear to be louder than faith.

L: We also confess that, like Joseph's brothers, we have sometimes allowed jealousy, resentment, pride, or selfishness to shape our thoughts and actions. We have failed to rejoice in the blessings of others. We have spoken hurtful words, harbored unforgiveness, or turned away from those who needed our love and compassion.

P: Lord, forgive us for the ways we have resisted Your call to trust You, to love our neighbors, and to seek reconciliation.

L: When we have chosen fear over faith, bitterness over grace, or

comfort over obedience, have mercy on us.

P: Lift our eyes once again to Jesus, who reaches out His hand to save us when we are sinking.

L: Transform our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, replacing envy with gratitude, fear with courage, and brokenness with Your peace.

ALL: : Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us, that we may follow Christ with confidence, serve others with humility, and trust Your faithful presence through every storm. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News! When Peter began to sink beneath the waves, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. Our Savior is just as ready to reach for us. When we turn to Him in repentance and faith, He does not abandon us—He lifts us up with His grace.

The story of Joseph reminds us that God is able to bring hope from heartbreak and redemption from what was meant for harm.

People: Our sins are real, but God's mercy is greater still. In Jesus Christ, God has taken our brokenness and transformed it through the cross and the empty tomb.

L: Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. His grace is greater than your failures, His love is stronger than your fears, and His mercy is new every morning.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering

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*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Page 474

Scripture Genesis 37:1-4, 18-28 Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: *Stepping Out in Faith: Trusting God Through the Storm*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "You Are My All in All" Page 3040

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Patty Morell

10:00 am: Sharon Kaczmarczyk

Coffee Hour

Mary and Nicole Hale

Michele Damelio

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

On Saturday, August 15th at 2 pm , there will be a summer cookout at Daren and Dave Eaton's house, 49 Shammas Lane, Marstons Mills. Please sign up in the Solarium and indicate what you will be bringing as this is a "Pot Luck" Affair.

The Craft Group is now meeting every Tuesday at the Annex from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. If you would like to join, we would so welcome you!

Beach Services are on Thursdays at 5:15 pm at Dowses Beach.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

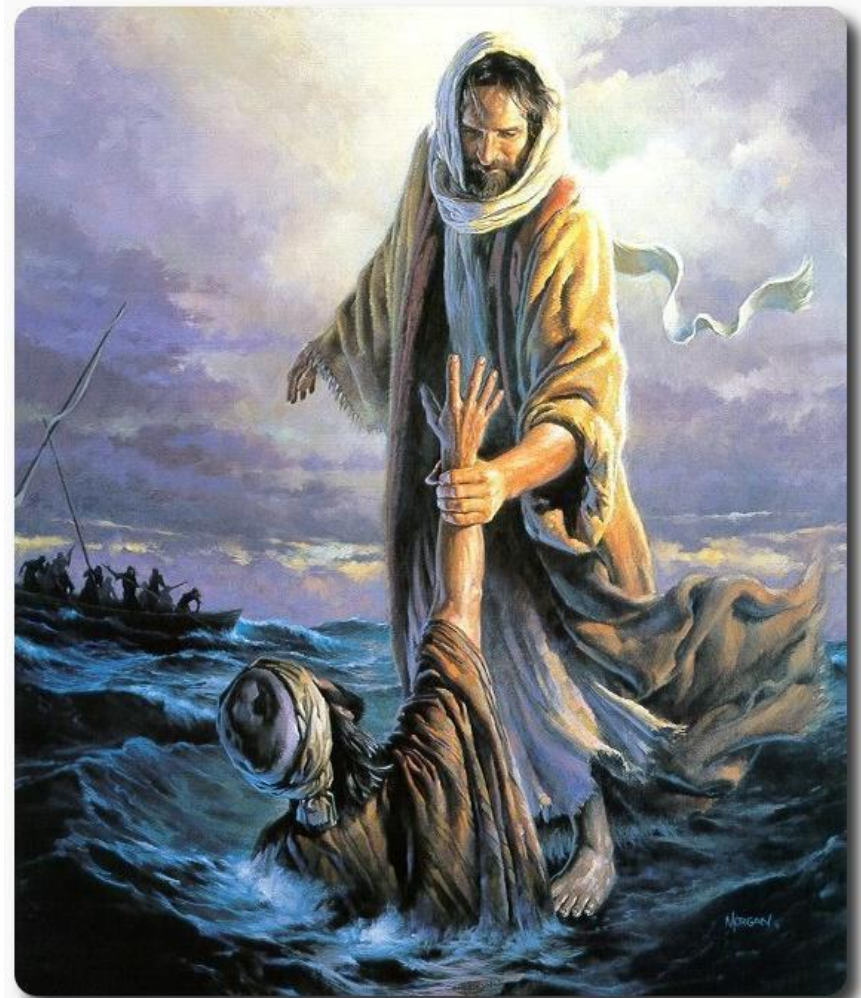
Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

The Annex will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 am till 12:00 to accept donations for the next yard sale on August 29th.

Be sure to sign up for our "Tables of Eight"

VBC begins on August 17th. Please pray for the 51 kids and all the volunteers.

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