

The liturgical color is green for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** Phantasy on the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" Piet Post  
Amy Bender, organ

**WELCOME** Mike Fournier, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us worship!

**We come, for God is present.**

Come out of the storm, this is a safe place.

**We come, for God is our refuge.**

Come, acknowledging the storms created by our own doing.

**We come, for God forgives.**

Come, hear the Good News and be made whole.

**We come, ready to be renewed and strengthened, ready to weather life's storms.**

Come, let us worship God who is our refuge, who forgives, renews, and makes us whole.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of all creation, when nothing existed but chaos and darkness, you spoke a word and created life and light and order. When Moses entered the storm of Pharaoh's injustice, you led him and your people through the Red Sea to freedom. When David was tormented by the storm of his own iniquity, you restored his soul. When Jonah was thrown into the sea during a raging storm, you preserved his life in the belly of a whale. When Lazarus died and Mary and Martha were overwhelmed in the storm of their own grief, you showed them that you are the resurrection and the life. We come this morning Lord, each of us seeking a path through some kind of storm. Through our worship, bring us hope and new life. Amen.**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** "I Believe" Mark A. Miller  
The Eppler Family  
Caelyn Davis, Mary Anne Eppler, Laurie Eppler, Sean Eppler, Craig Eppler

*We dedicate this morning's anthem, "I Believe" in memory of Lance Corporal Brian P. Montgomery who was killed in action in Iraq on August 1, 2005 (19 years this past Thursday). He along with 5 fellow marines were ambushed. None survived. We are forever grateful for their sacrifice and for that of their Gold Star families. Lance Corporal Montgomery's memorial service was held in this sanctuary, this Holy place.*

*"I Believe" is a poem written by an unknown Jewish author while imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp. It was found written on a basement wall in the camp. It is forever hopeful.*

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**SCRIPTURE** Jonah 1: 4-17, p. 654

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Peggy Streiff

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**FAITH IN ACTION**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Sally DeFord

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 14:22-33, p. 692

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "Stand By Me" UMH 512

**MESSAGE** "Jesus Revolution: Growth through Storms"  
Rev. Gary Streiff

**HOLY COMMUNION** "The Great Thanksgiving" Setting B UMH 18

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## HYMN OF MISSION

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378

*Hymn History:* The words to this hymn were written by John Newton. He was born in London, England in 1725. His religious mother died when he was six and John had a difficult childhood. He joined a merchant ship at age eleven. He was later pressed (forced) into the Royal Navy. He fell in love with Mary "Polly" Catlett and left his ship to see her. He was subsequently flogged and traded to a merchant ship. He became the captain of a slave trading ship. He nearly drowned during one difficult voyage and this was the beginning of his conversion to Christianity. He married Polly and eventually left the slave trade. He became, with the encouragement of John Wesley, a Church of England Cleric. The words to Amazing Grace were originally a poem Newton wrote and read to his congregation on New Year's Day, 1773. These words reflected his own regretful past. William Walker set Newton's poem to music in 1835 using the tune NEW BRITAIN. Newton became a leader in the abolitionist movement in England. He worked with William Wilberforce, a member of the British Parliament, to pass the Slave Trade Act of 1807 which abolished slave trade in Great Britain. Newton died months later in 1807.

## \*BENEDICTION

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"Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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## POSTLUDE

"Prelude in D"

J.K.F. Fischer

Altar Flowers are presented by Kurt Hinkley  
In Loving Memory of wife, Linda Hinkley

*For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

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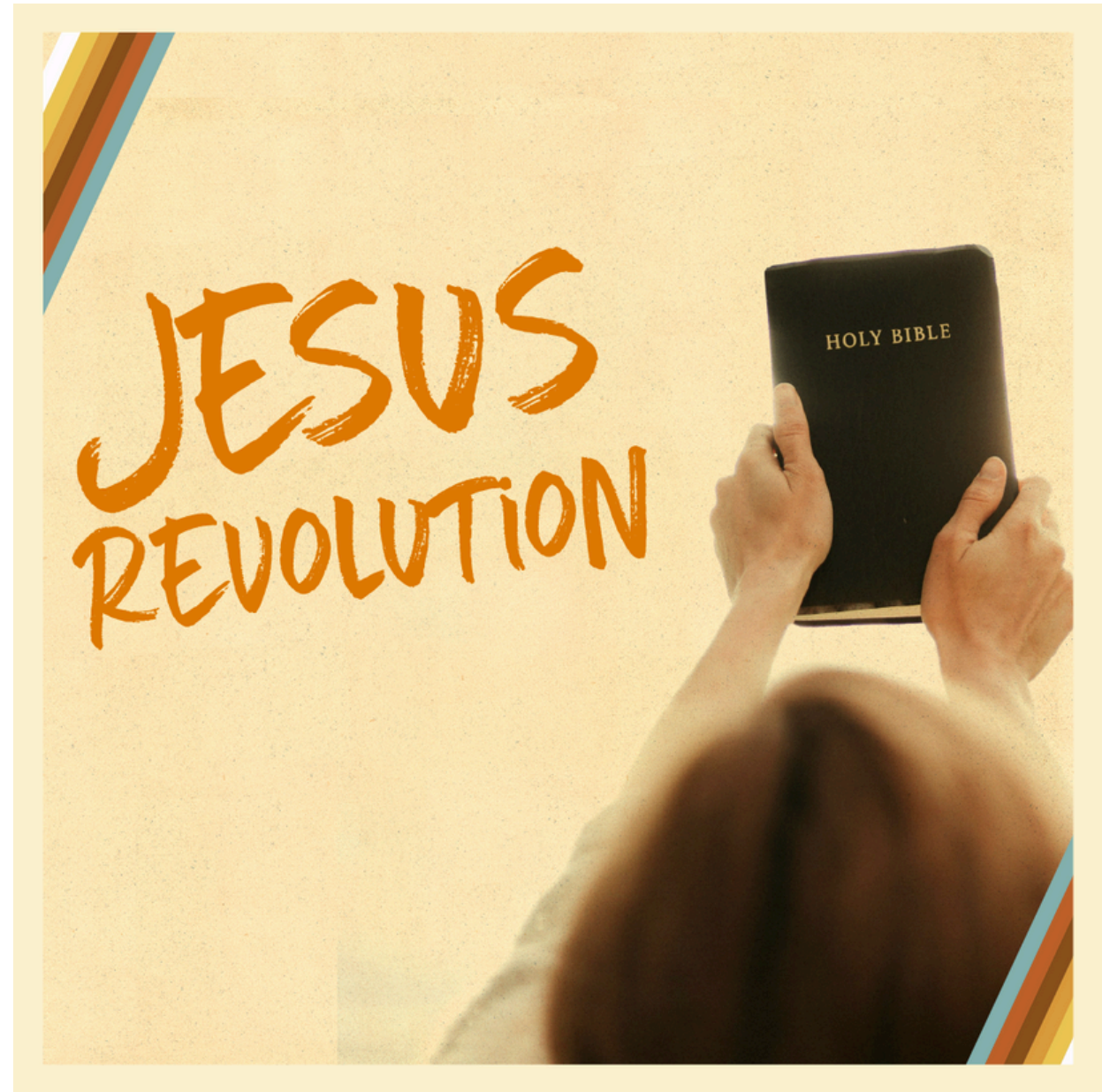
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## Traditional Worship

## August 4, 2024

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