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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

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Pastors

**Twelfth Sunday
of Pentecost**

August 13, 2023
at 10 am



Sunday, August 13, 2023 ♦ 12th Sunday of Pentecost

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Gathering Music	Carly Reiner
Welcome	Rev. Lea Matthews
Congregational Song ♦	Rise and Shine (pg. 3)
Opening Prayer	Nancy Meyers, Julia Tulloch, Mary Ellen Kris “The Beauty of Nature” by Walter Rauschenbusch
Gospel ♦	Amanda Munroe Matthew 14: 22-33 (pg. 4)
Congregational Song	Michael Row Your Boat Ashore (pg. 3)
Homily	Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd “Defying Gravity”
Congregational Song	Peace Like a River (pg. 5)
The Lord’s Prayer	Ekama Eni (pg. 4) “The Ecological Lord’s Prayer” by Claudio Carvalhaes
Listening In Silence	Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd
Love in Action	Andrea Steinkamp
Offering	<i>Of gifts, and prayers</i> (pg. 8)
Offertory	Carly Reiner Earth, My Body
Prayer of Gratitude	Esau Reyes Pesante By Rev. Cate Williams, Environment Officer, Diocese of Gloucester
Blessing of the Objects	Rev. Lea Matthews, Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd
Closing Song ♦	I’ve Got a River of Life (pg. 5)
Benediction ♦	Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd
Passing the Peace ♦	<i>Please greet one another with a word of peace</i>

Rise and Shine

Chorus (in unison): Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!

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Rise and shine and (clap once) give God your glory, glory! Children of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord told Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody."

Many: Lord told Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody."

Leader: "Get those children (clap once) out of the muddy, muddy!" Children of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord told Noah to build an arky, arky.

Many: The Lord told Noah to build an arky, arky.

Leader: Made it out of (clap once) hickory barky, barky. Children of the Lord.

Leader: The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.

Many: The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.

Elephants and (clap once) kangaroosies, roosies. Children of the Lord. *(Repeat chorus, in unison)*

Leader: It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.

Many: Rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.

Leader: Nearly drove those (clap once) animals crazy, crazy. Children of the Lord.

Leader: The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.

Many: Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.

Leader: Everything was (clap once) fine and dandy, dandy. Children of the Lord.

Leader: Now that is the end, the end of my story, story.

Many: That is the end, the end of my story, story.

Leader: Everything is (clap once) hunky dory, dory. Children of the Lord. *(Repeat chorus, in unison)*

Michael Row Your Boat Ashore

Chorus: Michael row your boat ashore, hallelujah

Michael row your boat ashore, hallelujah

Sibling help to trim the sail, hallelujah

Sibling help to trim the sail, hallelujah

The river is deep and the river is wide, hallelujah

Greener pastures on the other side, hallelujah

Chorus: Michael row your boat...

Jordan River is deep and wide, hallelujah

Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah

Jordan River is chilly and cold, hallelujah

Chills the body, but not the soul, hallelujah

Chorus: Michael row your boat...

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

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, 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, [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."

*The word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.*

The Ecological Lord's Prayer

Our God who art in pluriverses, the skies and the earth,

Blessed be your name: life. May your pulsing life come to be seen, heard, touched and felt through the oceans, the forests, in the rocks, in the life of plants and in the sounds of animals and singing birds.

May the atmosphere of the sky that carries our ability to breathe stay balanced as fossils are kept under the earth.

Give us this day our daily bread through a variety of seeds and grains and leaves without pesticides, without monocultures, from local

farms and biodiverse-cultures.

Forgive our plundering of the earth, our lack of relation and reciprocity with the earth and more than human beings; as cells, mycelium, fungi and infinite processes of symbiosis, forgive us daily by giving life back when we destroy it.

And lead us not into consumerism and devouring the earth but deliver us from the apathy that says nothing can be changed.

For life is kinship, relationality, and reciprocity. Now and forever. Amen.

Peace Like A River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

I've Got a River of Life



1. I've got a riv-er of life flow-ing with - in me. It makes the lame to
3. Je - sus_ tells me to love all my en - e - mies. That is some-thing
4. Whe - ther we all_ be - long is not up for de - bate. We've got no room for
5. Je - sus_ says_ that some-times you have to fight for jus-tice and for



walk and the blind to see. It o - pens pri-son doors, sets the cap - tives
I_ can-not do with ease. But then I re - a - lize they're a lot like
wrong, got no time for hate. That's just as true in church, as af - fairs of
love and ev - ry - thing that's right. It might put us at odds with our friends all



free!_ I've got the Spi-rit of God_ flow - ing with in_ me!
me. Je - sus_ tells me to love_ all my en - e - mies. *Spring up, O well,*
state. Whe-ther we all_ be - long_ is not up for de-bate.
right, but pray our_ con - flict yields much less heat than light.



with-in my spi-rit. Rise up and tell, so all can hear it! *Spring up, O*



well, so I ex - per-ience_ that life_ a-bun-dant - ly!

Vacation Bible School



Compassion Camp VBS was jammed packed with activities and new friendships last weekend. Over 20 campers went to the Museum of Natural History, sang songs, made crafts, enjoyed water day, and



on Sunday, learned about communion before joining the congregation for the service. To cap off the week, Disney's "Encanto" was screened in the West End Theatre.

Who's Who

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Putting Love in Action

Summer Sundays Beginning July 2 and continuing through Labor Day, our Sunday morning worship time will shift to 10:00am.

Fellowship Lunch Join us next Sunday at in the courtyard next Sunday for a fellowship lunch after worship.

Faith & Fun Friday What is Faith & Fun Friday? Think mini-Compassion Camp (songs, games, bible stories, crafts, and fellowship) and Free Time on a Friday night for parents and caregivers. Mark your calendars for September 8th from 5:30-7:30pm. Email Andrea* for details.

Campus Ministry Will kickoff Sep 10 with midnight pancakes at Broadway Presbyterian. Email Ekama* for details.

Youth, Kids & Families Join us for a special back-to-school worship on Sep 10 with a blessing of the backpacks during the Message for All Ages.

Funding Our Future In the coming weeks, we will begin a study that will assist us in determining the best plan

to move forward with our capital campaign to restore and preserve our landmarked facility. Please ask the greeters for a FAQ sheet that describes the specifics of the study.

Ongoing Programs and Projects

Assisting Our New Neighbors Sign up to help with daily needs, especially providing meals and Monday morning distribution efforts via Lotsa Helping Hands (rg.by/u670b). Starting in June, our Monday Resource Fair will have a weekly focus. Our clothing store will be once per month, with clothing donations accepted the day prior (next: Aug 20).

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday morning gathering on Zoom for communal prayer at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom on Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent* for details.



Getting Connected & Share Your Prayers

We are thrilled you are here this morning, and we hope you will like to get connected with our community. To join us in the work of increasing justice and love in the world, use your smartphone's camera to Scan this QR code or ask anyone wearing a purple shirt for a Connection Card. Our church community also uses this digital or physical card to share joys and concerns. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.