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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude VU 625 *"I Feel the Winds of God"* **Marg Ross**

Welcome / Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

We acknowledge the unceded and all lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today.

May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with all People. Amen.

Spiritual Focus:

*"Our faith and our doubt are not mutually exclusive; they both exist in us at the same time..."*¹ **Barbara Brown Taylor**

WE APPROACH GOD

Gathering Song VU 198 *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*

(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

Gathering Call: God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With Thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord!

Prayer of Approach: Jesus, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of our journey. Help us to recognize

your **Presence**, remember your **Promise**, rely on your **Power**, and receive your **Peace** through every storm. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

MV 161 *"I Have Called You by Your Name"* (LicenSingOnline

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Prayer of Illumination: God of our present trouble and promised triumph, open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)* "Immediately he made the disciples get into the 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, 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."

Word of Life: *"Take Heart: Do Not Be Afraid"* **Rev. Takouhi**

¹ Barbara Brown Taylor – "Seeds of Heaven" – Westminster John Knox Press – Louisville, Kentucky (2004) – page 60

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

MV 90 *"Don't Be Afraid"* (OneLicense.net)

"Der Voghormya – Lord have Mercy" – for Lebanon

Lord have mercy (4x) - **English translation**

All Holy Trinity, give peace to the world

And healing to the sick, heaven to those who are asleep.

Prayers of Hope & Healing: (*Music-Marg Ross "Jesus, You Have*

Come to the Lakeshore" **The Prayer of Jesus:** 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

MV 191 *"What Can I Do?"*

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Invitation to the Offering: God has freely given us the gift of grace and abundant life. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.

Our Offertory: *Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.*

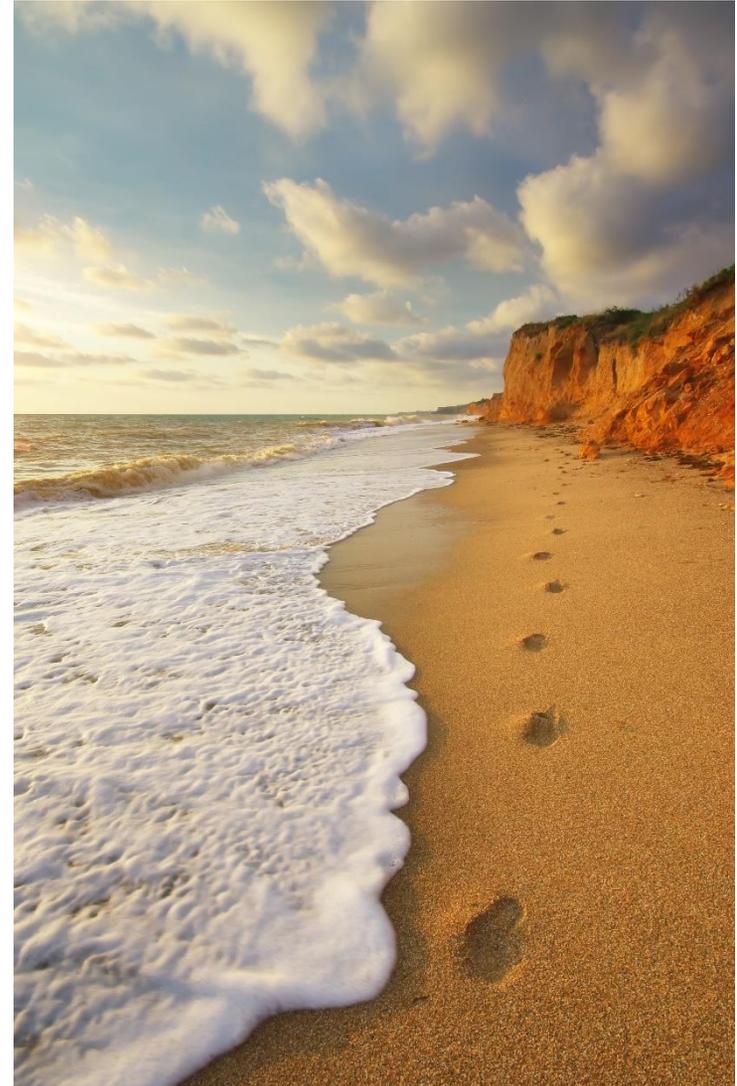
Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: We give thanks to you, O God, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace.

Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Commissioning & Benediction

MV 218 *"May the Love of the Lord"* (OneLicense.net)

Our Churches United ***The Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge***



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