

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## VIRTUAL WORSHIP ~ AUGUST 9, 2020

**Call to Worship** ~ Reverend Becky Albright

**God of the Sparrow** ~ Jaroslav Vajda/Carl Schalk ~ played by Lily Cooper

*God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home*

**Children's Sermon** ~ Dr. Patrick Perryman

**Amazing Grace** ~ John Newton ~ arranged by Vic Varner and presented by First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.*

**Gospel Lesson ~ Matthew 14:22-33**

**Sermon ~ In the Darkest Night ~ Dr. Perryman**

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer ~ Rev. Albright**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ~ Edward Mote/William Bradbury ~ played by Lily Cooper**

*My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain:  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

**Benediction**

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save ~ John Dykes/William Whiting ~ played by Lily Cooper**

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease,  
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power,  
all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from air and land and sea.*