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**Meditation:** Dear God, be good to me.  
The sea is so wide,  
and my boat is so small.

- Breton Fishermen's Prayer

**Welcome:** to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing. Please speak to our sound technician. Please join in the reading if it is **bold** and *italic*.

### **We Gather in God's Name**

**Introit:**

### **Announcements**

**Introit:** Will Your Anchor Hold (675 verses 1 and 2)

**Call to Worship:** Fear not, you are mine  
***Save me, O God!***  
***For the waters have come up to my neck.***  
***I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;***  
***I have come into deep waters,***  
***and the flood sweeps over me.***

- Psalm 69:1-2

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

**Prayer of Approach:**

***You, O Eternal Trinity,***  
***are a deep sea into which,***  
***the more I enter,***  
***the more I find,***  
***and the more I find,***  
***the more I seek.***

*O abyss,  
O eternal Godhead,  
O sea profound,  
what more could you give me than yourself?  
God's grace, unsought and unearned,  
blows through my life,  
and all I need to do  
is raise my sails to catch the full wind.*  
Catherine of Siena 1347-1380

\* **Music Offering:** Be Not Afraid  
*Be not afraid, I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I shall give you rest.*

### **Theme Presentation**

#### **We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 14:22-33 (NT, page 16)

**Message:** Grounded Faith in Raging Waters

**Hymn:** I Feel the Winds of God Today (625)

#### **We Respond to God**

### **Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer**

**Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b** (sung response 218)

On this day filled with so many blessings,  
I want to sing and shout my thanks and praise to God!  
In this week filled with so many blessings,  
I want to join in the universal chorus of praise to my God.  
In this year, and for every year of my life  
- filled with so many blessings -  
I want to share with all who will join with me  
in singing my thanks and praise of our God.  
(sung response)

***We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you,***

***we bless your holy name, glad praises we bring.***

Great and glorious God, through many generations  
You have revealed yourself to people  
in many and various ways, through your generous acts  
which have brought them freedom, hope and joy.  
You have also allowed me to share in discovering  
something of who you are; whom you have been;  
and who you will be for them in the future.

***We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.***

Empowering God, through your generosity  
you have revealed your power to save  
the vulnerable, whose hearts are broken;  
and people caught in poverty’s trap,  
you reach out to those who are overwhelmed  
by despair and hopelessness.

May I be receptive to the cries people in their need,  
so that I may be a partner with God in helping to bring  
new hope, new faith, new life, in God’s name.

***With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!***

### **Offertory**

\* **Doxology**: (541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

\* **Offertory Prayer**:

God of compassion,  
***may we look to your example  
as we share the blessings we have been given,***

***and may our offerings  
be a reflection of your grace. Amen***

**Hymn**: Here I Am Lord (509)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**:

You are not walking on the lake like Peter  
but on another sea, for this world is a sea;  
Trials its waves, temptations its storms,  
and men devouring each other as fishes do.  
Don't be afraid, step out stoutly lest you sink.  
When the gale blows and the waves rise,  
and your weakness makes you fear you will be lost,  
cry out, 'Lord, I am sinking,'  
and he who bade you walk will not let you perish.

- Augustine of Hippo Psalm 39

Quoted from "The Heart at Rest daily readings with St. Augustine"

\* **Sung Response**: (675 verse 4)

When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,  
the city of gold, our harbour bright,  
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore  
with the storms all past forevermore.

We have an anchor to keep the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll.  
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

**Postlude**