

**3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God "just as we are, though tossed about," as the hymn writer says. Let us now name our conflicts, our doubts and our sins before one another and before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we confess that we come to you in the midst of clutter:
we have cluttered desks, cluttered schedules, cluttered minds,
cluttered lives and a cluttered planet. The clutter can be like a
storm that overwhelms us and distracts us from knowing your
presence and hearing your strong voice.**

**We pray for the will to put aside the clutter of life and to listen
to your voice stilling the storm and calming the wind and waves.
Help us to let go of our fear, and our desire to be in control
of all manner of things.**

**Lead us to place you in the center of our lives,
where, if we do, we will also see neighbor, stranger and enemy.
Then help us to cross the boundary waters with you,
the One who has broken every barrier down,
and will lead us to the other side.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8:1-2)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Come to us this day, O God,
with the light of your Word.
Speak to us through Scripture of your truth,
and dwell in us with your love.
May we know you more fully,
and follow you more nearly.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

ANTHEM *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* (Martin/Gabriel) - Lin Roth, Soloist

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON “In the Storm”



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,**

**nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you are participating today on Facebook, please register your prayers now)

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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Festive Joy (Simon Clark)

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The Central Church steeple is illuminated for the month of June in memory of Amy Simmons with love from Valerie Henry.

June Birthdays

21 Pat Dancy
Lynn Selassie
24 Robel Hall
25 Rolda Mitchell
Barry Kenstler
26 Graeme George
Michael Norton
29 Natalie Arndt Marone
30 Eric Johansen
Andrew White