



# JOURNEY TOWARDS TRANSFORMATION

August 9, 2020  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Voluntary

“Chorale”

*Johannes Brahms*

Life at Grace Announcements

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

A voice speaks to us in our dreams, beckoning, warning;  
**Are we talking with ourselves, or is God speaking to us?**  
In the night our minds wrestle with worries and hopes;  
**Could there be something holy in that?**  
In the brightness of the morning, we seek a word from God;  
Let us be attentive to the voice of God this day. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Praise

“Jesus”

*by Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash*

Verse 1

There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is One born for our salvation

Jesus

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us

Jesus

Jesus

Chorus 1  
Who walks on the waters  
Who speaks to the sea  
Who stands in the fire beside me  
He roars like a lion  
He bled as the Lamb  
He carries my healing in His hands  
Jesus

Verse 2  
There is a name I call in times of trouble  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages  
He is Jesus Jesus

Bridge  
Messiah  
My Savior  
There is power in Your name  
You're my rock and my Redeemer  
There is power in Your name  
In Your name

Chorus 2  
You walk on the waters  
You speak to the sea  
You stand in the fire beside me  
You roar like a lion  
You bled as the Lamb  
You carry my healing in Your hands  
God

Ending  
Jesus  
There is no one like You  
Jesus  
There is no one like You

### **Confession and Assurance** *(responsive)*

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice.

**Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you.**

We confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear.

**Transform our values so that they are shaped by your concern for the unloved and unlovely, and for the weak and powerless in our society.**

We confess that all too often in our faith communities, we harbor thoughts which estrange and make us hostile towards one another.

**Transform our hearts so that we are filled with the desire to forgive one another and to make peace.**

Forgive us Lord and make us ready to be transformed. Hear now our silent confessions.

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Blessing of Backpacks/Devices

#### Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

#### Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread

for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

## Message

“I Am Too Tired”

## Praise

“Raise A Hallelujah”

*by Jake Stevens, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs*

### Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

### Chorus

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

### Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

### Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

### Bridge

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Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me  
(REPEAT)

## Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

## Tithes & Offerings

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Anna Rutherford, Saxophone & Trenton Hull, Guitar*

## Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

## Sacrament of Communion

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

“Concerto in G”

*J. S. Bach*

### Participating in Worship

Rev. Cara Ellis	Children's Pastor
Michael King	Director of Music Ministries
Andrew Packard	Organist
Trenton Hull	Worship Leader
Michelle Rutherford	Liturgist
Anna Rutherford	Saxophone
Roy Davis	A/V
Deann Collins	A/V
Mark Kinney	A/V

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of all of our teachers and staff.

God, thank you for the amazing teachers that have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide, and hope to thrive in their classroom or wherever they are leading from. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. Amen.