



"Jesus Walking on Water," Lewis Bowman (2009)

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August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Kingsfold”
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Marshall McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Prince of Peace, who calms the raging seas, bids us to follow,
saying, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

All: Bring us peace, Lord, that only you can provide.

One: The Son of God, who reaches out in the midst of peril, takes our hand and
will not let us go.

All: Give us vision, Lord, to recognize you in unexpected places.

One: The Good Shepherd, who gently leads the sheep of his fold, guides us to
green pastures,
beside still waters, and down the path that leads to life.

**All: Give us courage, Lord, so that we might step out in faith
and follow as your true disciples.**

One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #816** *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Holy God, in the midst of life’s storms, it is easy to confess with our lips
that you are Lord, but it is much harder for us to believe with our
hearts and trust you with our lives. We are quick to trust in idols. We
put faith in what we can see, touch, and control.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief. Help us to trust you in the midst of
the storm, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA #582**

*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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**O Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, let us hear your voice, give
us the courage to step out in faith, and help us to trust that you will
never let us go. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 43

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Galilee Ghost Story”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #837 (verse 1))

*What a fellowship, what joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.”*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Claunch

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OFFERTORY

“Jesus Walking on the Waves ” Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

The composer, a Jew who escaped Italy's Fascist government in the wake of that country's Racial Laws, settled in Larchmont in 1939. This miniature, written in 1949, is taken from “Evangelion: The Story of Jesus”, Op. 141, a set of 28 short, descriptive pieces depicting the life of Jesus.

***DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God; all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Claunch

***CLOSING HYMN #182** *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” Arr. Eleanor Whitsett
Rich Williams, trombone

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.

**Please stand if you are able*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Scan this QR code to sponsor sanctuary flowers for an upcoming Sunday.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a **nursery** for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.
- Our Sunday School program has ended for the year and will kick off again in September. We have activity bags available in the back.

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Coffee Hour . Be sure to follow the “Ten Foot Rule” and warmly greet new people who are not known to you!

MUSIC

Chancel Choir – Rehearsals resume in September -- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed; all are welcome (HS to adults).

Contact: dkostner@lacny.org

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)
11:00 am Worship & Music Committee (Library)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 pm Finance Committee (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

11:00 Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletin. Thank you!



If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



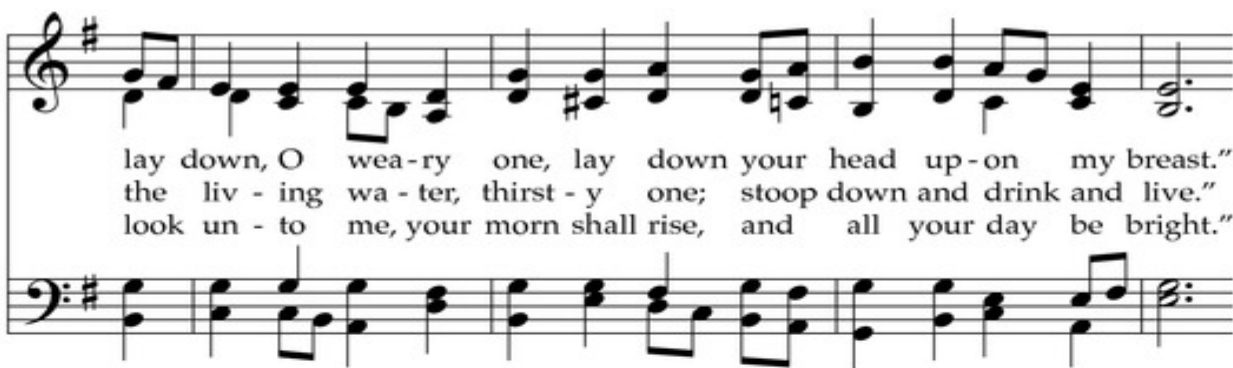
God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done."

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).