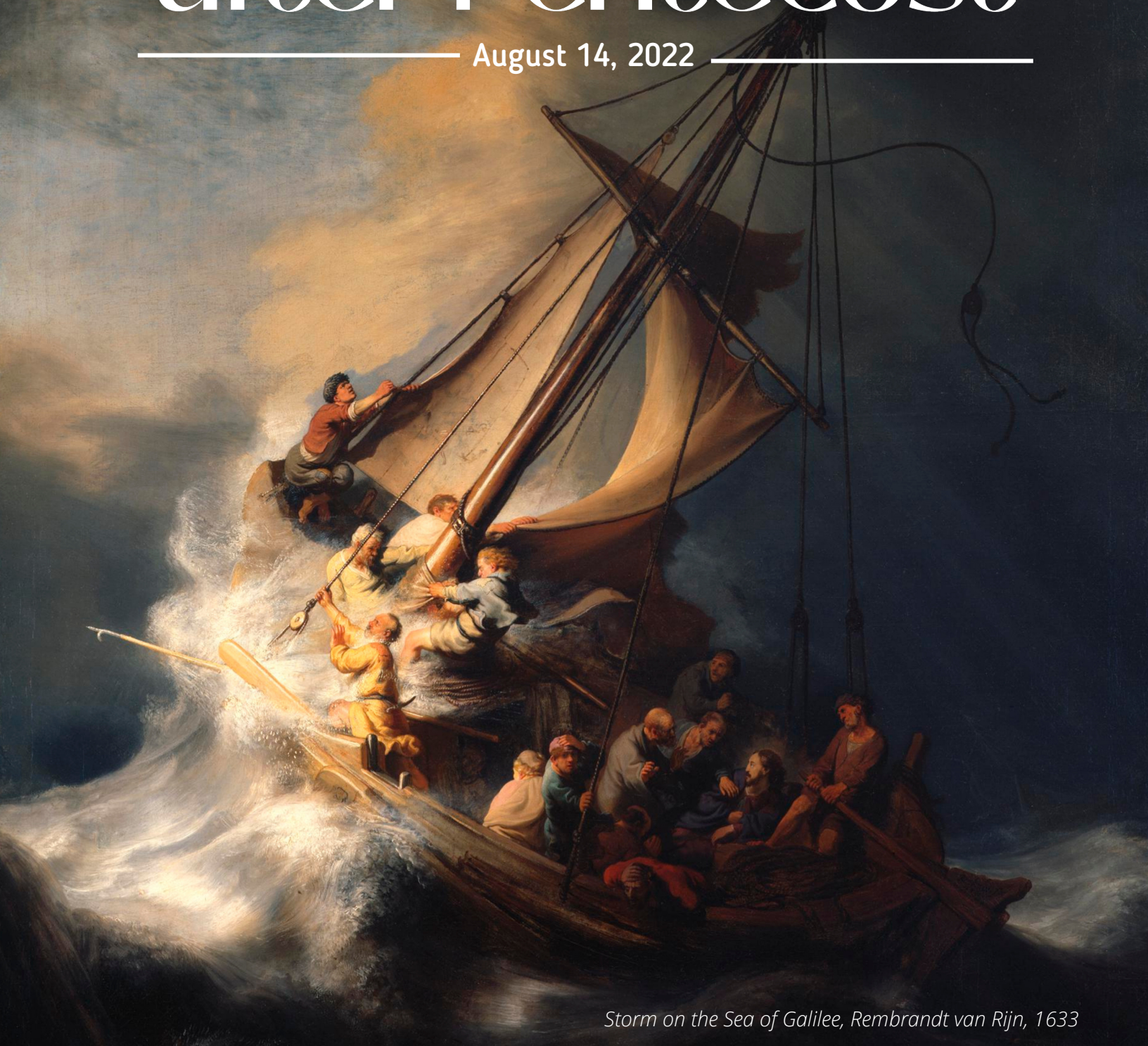


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Storm on the Sea of Galilee, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1633

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Joining us this morning on piano is Donna Chaff.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land.

All: By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been circled for seven days.

One: By faith Rahab did not perish with those who were disobedient.

All: And what more should we say?

One: Tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-

All: Tell of Peter, James, and John.

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of faithful witnesses; let us also lay aside every weight and, turning our hearts to their example, worship God.

All: Amen!

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welcome

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of Wind and Waves, Spirit of still waters and gentle hands, flow through our worship this morning. As we rest in Your word, come to rest upon us. Call us from the safety of our shore to walk boldly by your side through the tides and currents of faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Matthew 14:22-33

Blessing

Prayer Stations and Reflection

*During this time, you are invited to move between prayer stations.
Read the provided reflection, and perform the prayerful action.
Chairs are available at each station for those who need to sit, and
prayer materials can be brought to your seat if needed.
Signal to a deacon the pastor for assistance.*

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

The 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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Announcements

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

Closing Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction

Postlude

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Bulletin Reminders for August 14, 2022

FALL FAIR NEWS

We'd like to invite all folks interested in the Fair this year, whether you've already committed or not, to attend one of two Fall Fair Meetings being hosted to review what we already have in place, what we may still need, and what changes we've incorporated to maintain a safe and welcoming space for everyone that day.

Wednesday, August 24, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

(details to follow)

Sunday, August 28, 11:00 a.m.

(after worship)

SUMMER BOOK STUDY + VIDEO PART 1, 2, 3

This August, *Confessing Our Faith*, by Roger L. Shinn. This is a short interpretation of the *Statement of Faith* of the United Church of Christ. Have you ever wondered "What do we believe?" or tried to explain it to someone else? This book is a short, easy read that will open your heart and spirit to the wonder of God's love and movement in your life. We'll have a group conversation, via Zoom, on Wednesday, **August 24**, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Gregory Morisse (revmorisse@gmail.com) to sign up!

PART-TIME HOME HEALTH AID

Looking for someone to help Jim Griffin, at his Framingham home, with small household functions and occasional drives to medical appointments. Jim, Ruth's ex-husband, currently requires a walker to get around, and can't drive. Help needed 5-10 hours/week, flexible hours to work with your availability. Guaranteed 5 hours per week, at \$20/hour, plus more, if you have availability. Please call Ruth Griffin, 978.853.6202, if you think you or someone you know would be able to meet this need. Please feel free to leave a voicemail message. *Thank you!*

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

Please think of CWS school kits now that Back-to-School sales have begun. This year, we need **notebooks, scissors, rulers, and pencil sharpeners**. We especially need **bags!** There are kits (pre-cut fabric, instructions) in the baskets by the lower elevator to be sewn. For more information, please see Leona Dalton or call 508.481.5770.

"LOOK UP, STEP UP!"

Thursday, August 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Open Spirit: 39 Edwards Street, Framingham

Open Spirit and Transition Framingham are proud to host Dr. Robert Lauer and members of Extinction Rebellion to learn about their plan to confront the climate and ecological emergency. We are inviting you to open your hearts and to explore new possibilities. It's time to stop feeling powerless and alone and get to know other local people who want to make a difference, too. RSVP via the link in your *Wednesday Email*.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. Knitting items are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, in bright red tote bags, next to the children's activity bags. Pick one up, knit before and/or after church, and leave it behind when you go home! If you need materials, please email Kelly at drescher.johnson@gmail.com, and she will make arrangements to get you what you need.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SORT & BAG FOOD

We are looking for volunteers to help sort and bag food at GFCC (44 Franklin St) every other Friday, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. To volunteer for one Friday or for many, please contact Al Rapoza at alrapoza@yahoo.com or 508.788.9519.