Sunday Worship

October 18, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme:

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Chorale Prelude on "DIX"" Steven Scott

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship** *(Responsively)* Leader

Leader: O Lord, when we can't believe what is before our eyes.
People: We come to you Father for clarity.
Leader: And when we still don't understand, we cry out to you.
People: We ask that you are patient with us.
Leader: Please give us that clarity and understanding that we seek.
People: Because we know that you are always there as our heavenly light.

***Opening Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577
(v. 1,2,4)

Opening Prayer *(Unison) Leader

We come to you this morning with blurry visions. We are so blinded by the world today that it has kept us from seeing you O Lord. We ask you Lord to take the dirt we are standing on, spit on it and place it over our eyes. We don't want to continue being the blind leading the blind and falling into the pit. Guide and heal us Father so that we may see once again. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Offering the Peace of Christ**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Exalted is the Lord" John F. Wilson

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 1:1-14 (NIV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:22-32 (NIV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!

Message **Facing Your Storms** Pastor John Esposito

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns **Pastoral Prayer**

***Doxology** **The Offering of our Gifts**

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

O our gentle heavenly Father and loving Mother, I place before you my heart, my thoughts, and my gifts. Continue and guide my steps toward kindness, my words toward truth, and my actions toward love. And may my life be a joyful hymn and a living prayer in your honor. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151

***Benediction Response** "Rule of Life" WS #3117

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

October 25th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - *Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we welcome PIVOT Ministries and resume our study of God's Word (Matthew 22:34–46). What do you say is the greatest commandment?*

"I Cannot See, But I Can Trust"

I cannot know why suddenly the storm
Should rage so fiercely round me in its wrath;
But this I know—God watches all my path,
And I can trust.

I may not draw aside the mystic veil
That hides the unknown future from my sight,
Nor know if for me waits the dark or light;
But I can trust.

"I have no power to look across the tide,
To see while here the land beyond the river;
But this I know—I shall be Gods forever;
So I can trust.

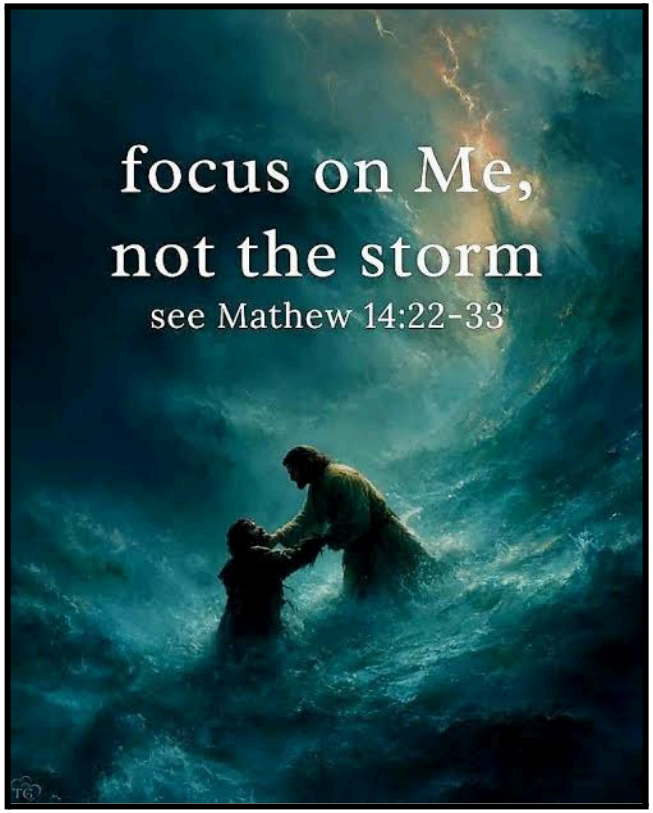
Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship

Zoom Link
(Live Meeting)

YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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