



# LEESBURG

## United Methodist Church

Worship Program for June 20, 2021  
*4th Sunday after Pentecost*

### **We Gather**

Prelude "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell); "Birdsong Sonata" (Scarlatti)

Welcome

Call to Worship *(based on Mark 4:35-41)* Heather Gonzalez

Leader: Like the disciples, we often find our boat filling with water, tossed about in the storms of life.

**People: We feared we would sink so we called out, "Lord! Don't you care that we are sinking?"**

L: That got his attention, just like the storm got our attention.

**P: Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea: "Peace, be still!"  
That got the sea's attention.**

***Sung Response 1: O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!***

L: The storms of life come unexpectedly – fear, anxiety, discouragement, grief, strife, guilt.

**P: "Peace, be still!"**

L: He speaks to the storm, and he speaks to us:

**P: "Peace, be still."**

***Sung Response 2: He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.***

Opening Prayer Heather Gonzalez

L: At home and in-person, please join your heart and voice with me in prayer:

**P: Lord God of all Creation, some come to you from storm-tossed lives to seek your peace; some come with questions and uncertainties hoping for answers; some come with worries and anxieties needing assurance and help. Some also come from joys, glad celebrations, and graduations! Some come having walked through the valley, having weathered the storms. We all come seeking our God and the love that you proved through the cross of Christ. Receive our worship and reveal yourself to us that we may see you more clearly, follow you more nearly, love you and others more dearly. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn "Peace Like a River" Chris, Victoria, Sabrina Becek

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (2x)

### **We Proclaim**

Scripture Psalm 85:7-13, Galatians 5:22-23 Ann Widdefield

Anthem "Be Still my Soul/What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Selah) Stephanie Reed

**We Respond**

Offering/Doxology

Prayers of the People

**L:** Once again, please join your heart and voice with me as we pray responsively:  
Holy God, from you we learn what it means to love sacrificially and unconditionally. For your sake this day, we remember fathers who gave us life. For gentle arms that held us as newborn infants; and for adopting arms that made room for us and gave us family,

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

**L:** For strong arms that picked us up when we stumbled or fell; and for steady arms that gave us support when we were unsure of our steps,

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

**L:** For wise and loving arms helping us learn to live on our own; and for faithful arms leading us to Christ and to the church,

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

**Loving God, we pray this day for fathers of growing children and grandchildren. Give them an abundance of patience, a basketful of wisdom, and a healthy dose of humility to rely on you. Grant them a houseful of love that sees and seeks the best in their daughters, sons, and wives. Bless and keep in your care the men of our church who would be fathers if they could; and those men among us who care for the children of others as a father would. Eternal God, grant your peace to those that miss their fathers who have passed from this life into eternity; and to those fathers who grieve the loss of a child. We lift these, and all our prayers, in the name of Christ Jesus; Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Next Steps

**We Send Forth**

Hymn

“For All You’ve Done”

Raising Praise

Blessing

Postlude

“Dialogue on ‘O Waly, Waly’ and Finlandia” (Timothy P. Cooper)

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Let us know that you joined us virtually by [checking-in](#).

**Daily Prayer: “Prayer for the Nine”**

Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in me – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – that I may be more like Christ today, than yesterday. Amen.



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