



HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday, August 25, 2019 ~ 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

13th Sunday of Summer - Blue

**Please stand as you are able*

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Genesis 1:6-8

God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other."

God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome.

And it happened in that way. God named the dome Sky.

We've come to worship God, the Master of Sea and Sky.

***HYMN 593** *Here I Am Lord*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of all, we come together in our diversity to proclaim our unity in you. You are the source of all being, the one who is worthy of praise.

You offer us life, but we refuse because we want life on our own terms. We dread the commitment you command, as well as the images you offer. We worry about our standing among our neighbors, fearing that our belief will seem antiquated, or fanatic.

But you are creator. You are the source of all we breathe, eat, and consume. We set aside our allegiances, preferences, desires, so we might raise our voices in prayer and praise. Live among us! Guide us. Grant us your mercy. Amen.

***GREET ONE ANOTHER BY PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Scavenger Hunt – Blue

***THE WORD** Matthew 14:22-33

Walking on the water: Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone

Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

Response to Scripture

One: The words of Holy Scripture.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 437 *This is My Song*

LIVING THE WORD 'Skies and Seas as Blue as Mine' Mark 4:35-41

***HYMN 2191** *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

