June 16 & 18, 2020

LIFE TOGETHER

with the People of Franklin United Methodist Church

Welcome & Introductions

"How is it with you?"

How are you feeling?
How is your faith? your family? your health?
Are you struggling or celebrating?
Are you grieving or rejoicing?
Are you questioning faith?
Where have you found inspiration?

Praying Together

Matthew 8:23-27

Common English Bible

[23] When Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. [24] A huge storm arose on the lake so that waves were sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was asleep. [25] They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, rescue us! We're going to drown!"

[26] He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?" Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm.

[27] The people were amazed and said, "What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!"

Discussion

There are times in everyone's life when the storms (seem to) surround us and God is (it seems) silent (or asleep).

Have you ever felt that God was silent in the midst of a "storm" you were facing?

In what ways does the silence challenge your faith? What does it mean to have faith when God is silent?

Why do you think Jesus was so upset about the disciples waking him in the midst of the storm? What might it have looked like for them to have something other than a "weak faith" during the storm?

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 396, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2.
O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3.
O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill,
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4.
O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

'Till We Meet Again

adapted from No. 672, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

God be with you till we meet again,
by God's counsels guide, uphold you,
With God's sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

notes, thoughts, & prayer list