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From hillside to lakeside Jesus meets the needs of his friends.
Always surprising them and us with his words and actions.
Always responding to our needs, always there for us.

We gather to give thanks and praise to the one who loves and cares for us.

We offer ourselves and this time and invite Jesus to surprise us once more.

We come here to meet Jesus,

All: the one who is full of love.

We come to hear his word,

All: the word that is full of surprises.

We come to grow in faith,

All: the faith that is strengthened and renewed every day.

Hymn

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice
soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me;"

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and
kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Confession

You come to us early in the morning; wind howling, waves crashing,
the world unravelling around us.

You come to us walking on the water, proclaiming peace when
we feel anything but peaceful.

Forgive us when we become too preoccupied with ourselves
Forgive us when we become too Judgemental
Forgive us when we are quick to criticise.
Forgive us when we keep quiet in front of injustice.
Forgive us when we deny that we belong to you.

Merciful God, Jesus showed us that you do not leave us to sink under the waves of doubt, or weakness, or even sin.

He challenged his disciples to live more faithfully and more correctly following his example; yet he did so with compassion, and by first making it possible for them to know his peace. Allow us to know that peace now. **Amen.**

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desires
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish,
²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the
other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed
the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When
evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered
by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.
²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were

terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Talk

Hymn:

I BELIEVE IN JESUS:

I believe He is the Son of God.

I believe He died and rose again,

I believe He paid for us all.

I believe in You, Lord;

I believe You are the Son of God.

I believe You died and rose again,

I believe You paid for us all.

And I believe He's here now,
I believe that He is here,
Standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now,
With the power to heal,
And the grace to forgive.

And I believe You're here now,
I believe that You're here,
Standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now,
With the power to heal,
And the grace to forgive.

Time of Prayer

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and
for ever. Amen.**

Hymn

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Sending

Witnesses to something amazing,
something unbelievable. Jesus walked on water.
Witnesses to something frightening,
someone's failure. Peter fell in.
But Jesus reaches out to help his friend, and the waters calmed.
We go now to find ways of doing the same.
Reach out and give someone a hand up this week.
And the blessing of God