



**JUNE 20, 2021**

**WATTS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**JUNE 20, 2021**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

Chimes

Welcome – Esther Soud Parker

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Light

Prelude: “Prelude in C”..... Léon Boëllmann

**PRAISING GOD**

Call to Worship

*Minister:* The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

*People:* Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

*Minister:* In the midst of the storms of our lives,

*People:* Let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

Hymn 85: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”.....MELITA

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Minister:* Christ says to us, “Peace! Be still.” Let us center ourselves in God’s love and offer our prayers of confession, first in silence.

Prayers of Confession in Silence

Corporate Confession: O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your mercy. Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that it is shaking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, and make us agents of your reign. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

**TENDING TO THE WORD**

Old Testament: Job 38:1-11

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

*Minister:* The Word of God for the People of Christ.

*People:* May the Spirit grant us understanding.

Meditation

Silence

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*Minister:* God is with us. What have we to fear? Of whom shall we be afraid?

*People:* Rise up, people of God, for we are loved and given strength. Let us then give generously and live faithfully.

Receiving Our Gifts

Offertory: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” ..... David N. Johnson

Doxology..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication – Melody Zentner

**COMMITTING OUR LIVES IN FAITH**

Invitation

Hymn 566: “Be Still My Soul” ..... FINLANDIA

Benediction

Carrying the Light into the World

Postlude: “Postlude in C” ..... Alexandre Guilmant

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