



Order of Worship July 27, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

## We Listen to the Word

Sermon: "You Have to Get Out of the Boat"

## We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



Adam Hamilton and join us for dessert and discussion. It's a great little book that asks "Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?" Sign up by emailing pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org

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Making Sense of God's Will



#### Today's Guest Preacher:

**Pastor Kathy Foltz** 

Pastor Kathy Foltz's ministry journey began in Charlottesville Church of the Nazarene in 2010. From Charlottesville, she moved to York PA, where she currently serve as an Associate Pastor at Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Kathy was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in April 2018 and has been actively serving Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene since 2013 in several ministries including: the Greeter Team, Visitation to Shut-Ins, leading a small group in her home, leading the GriefShare ministry, serving on the Praise team, and until just recently leading a Ladies Bible Study. Pastor Kathy says it is a joy to serve as the Holy Spirit leads.



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## "You Have to Get Out of the Boat" Pastor Kathy Foltz

### A story of faith, Jesus, Peter, and boats:

Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### What is the promise of this story?

# I. Why were the disciples afraid when they saw Jesus walking on water?

They thought it was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 14:26 - "When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. It's a ghost, they said, and cried out in fear."

#### 2. What caused Peter to sink?

Matthew 14:29 - "Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

- 3. Thus far in life, what has been your experience with failure?
- 4. Read Matthew 14:28-29. How do you know when God is calling you to do something? How does God speak to you?

Have you ever asked Him to allow you to do something crazy or supernatural like Peter?\_\_\_\_\_ Did you get out of the boat? \_\_\_\_\_ What happened?

5. If you don't feel that you are living out God's calling for your life, what steps might you take to begin exploring what his calling for your life may be?

- 6. As you consider the world around you, what need, area of the world, or group of people do you think God would have you pray for and serve in some way?
- 7. In the Bible we find 366 commands from God not to be afraid. These are not empty, wishful thinking commands; they are backed by the power, character and love of God. What do the following verses reveal about choosing to trust God rather than the challenges we face?
  - Psalm 23:4
  - Psalm 27:1
  - Isaiah 43:1-4
  - Hebrews 13:5-6

### Food for thought:

Failure management is the ability to believe God for the ultimate victory and realize that when we are obedient we're already a success. Maybe right now you've stepped out of the boat and everywhere you look you see wind and waves; you have this incredible sinking feeling. Don't worry, look at Jesus, He won't let go!