

## **Worship Notes for September 6, 2020 - Orrville Trinity UMC**

### **“Same Storm, Different Boats” Series**

Here are some resources to help you engage the worship theme with your family or small group. Blessings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pastor David

**Opening Prayer:** Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Amen.

### **WEEK #3: “Keep Your Eyes on Me”**

**This Week’s Scripture Passage: Matthew 14:22-33**

**Memory Verses for this Worship Series: Philippians 4:4-9**

*4 Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! 5 Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. 6 Don’t be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. 7 Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. 8 From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. 9 Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.*

### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION**

- What details about the story of Jesus (and then Peter) walking on water stand out to you? You may want to reread Matthew 14:22-33 to review the story.
- What do you think about the way the disciples responded when they saw Jesus early that morning walking their way on the surface of the water?
- Why do you think Peter was willing to get outside of the boat and try to do the same thing he saw Jesus doing? Could you imagine yourself doing that? Why or why not?
- Can you think of an example of “getting out of the boat” that you’ve witnessed in the life of a fellow Christian? In other words, someone who has taken the risk to get outside their comfort zone in order to do what Jesus is doing?
- Matthew’s Gospel makes a connection between the stories of the miracle of walking on water and the miraculous feeding of the 5,000+. John’s Gospel continues on to share a conversation that Jesus has with his disciples. He reveals himself to be The Bread of Life – food that satisfies so that a person needs not hunger again. How does Jesus satisfy people’s spiritual hunger? How does he satisfy yours?
- Our spiritual practice for this week is **Communion**. Reflect with your group upon the most meaningful part of sharing communion together. End in prayer.