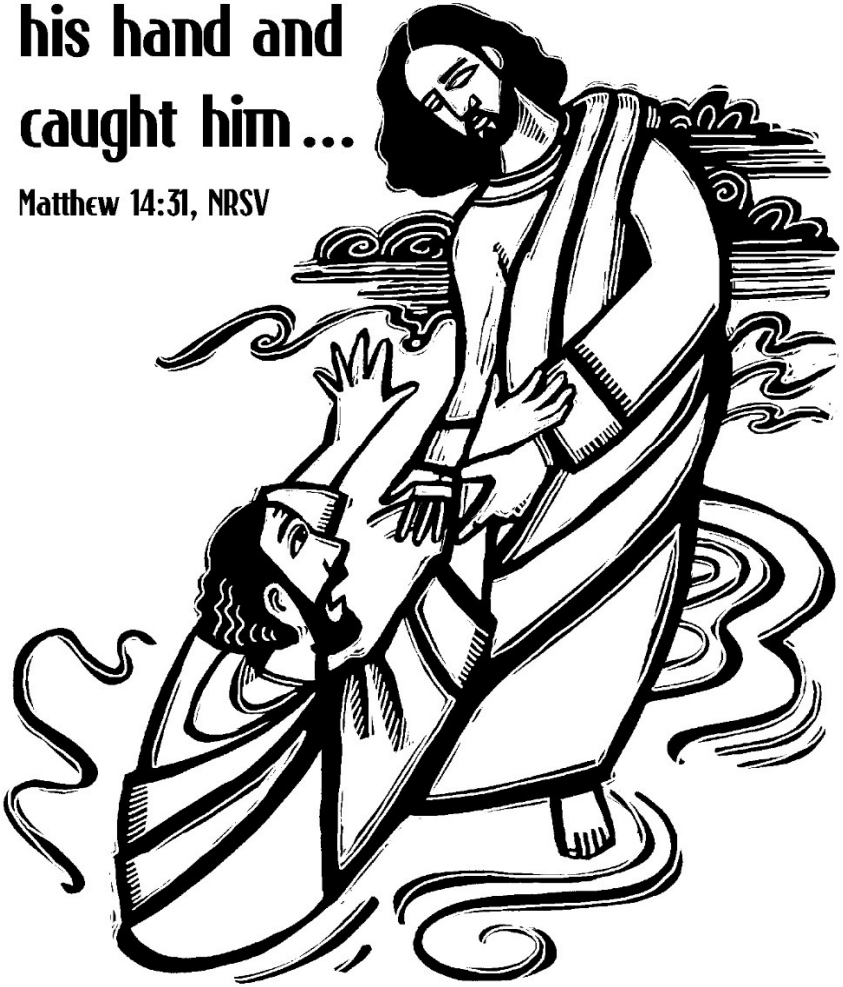


**Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and
caught him ...**

Matthew 14:31, NRSV



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9th, 2026

Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people; help us to dwell in your promise. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Therein lies our assurance of pardon.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

#812

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Congregational Life

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Praise the Lord”

(Schram/Walker)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	<u>Test.</u>	<u>Blk pg.</u>	<u>Red pg.</u>
Genesis 37: 1-28	Old	31	42
Romans 10: 5-15	New	140	194
Matthew 14: 22-33	New	14	19

SERMON

“Stumbling Blocks”

✠ HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

#665

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended to heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "Contemplation"

(Ritter)

✦ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts"

#817

***O Bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our
hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The
rest, O God, is in Your hand.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, your compassion brings wholeness, and your
forgiveness brings promise of new life. Through Christ the gifts of
your grace are available to all. We place ourselves before you as
recipients of your mercy; we make our offerings to you in response
to Christ's call. Accept them as tributes to your glory as we
dedicate ourselves anew to Christ's service. Amen.**

✦ HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

#639

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord"

(Moorpark)