

"Preparing for Life's Storms"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Matthew 7:24-29

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

September 8, 2019

Welcome

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Prelude — How Firm a Foundation

Dale Wood, arranger

Peggy Graff, organist

PROCESSION LEADERS: Pearl and Adele O'Brien

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Rev. Phyllis Barron

One: How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

All: For our hope is from God, who alone is our rock and our salvation. (Psalm 62:5-6)

One: Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. (Matthew 7:24)

All: "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock." (Matthew 7:25)

One: The teaching of Jesus is a firm foundation for living,

All: And Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:20)

*Hymn 529 — How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, **omnipotent** hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Word of the Day:
Bedrock

Memory Verse:
Everybody who
hears the words
of Jesus and puts
them into
practice is like a
wise builder.
— Matthew 7:24

Omnipotent
means
"all-powerful."

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

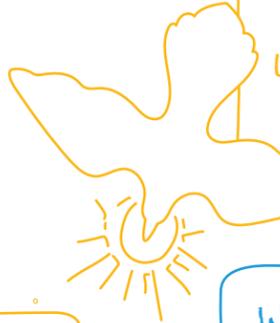
We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

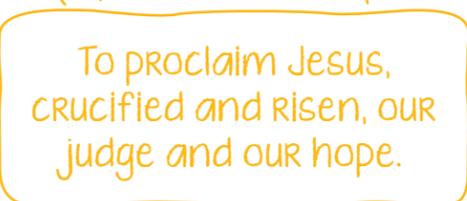
To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In death



In life



God is with us. We are not alone.

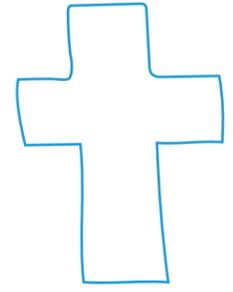
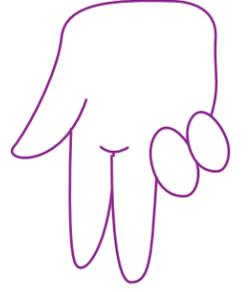
Thanks be to God.

Amen.

In life beyond death



*Gloria Patri
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

Anthem – Break Forth, O Joyful Heart
 Dan Forrest, composer
 Mr. Robert Stovall, director

Scripture – Matthew 7:24-29
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child
 Mister Mark, Lylah Mills, helper

Announcements

*Passing the Peace

Hymn 398 – Jesus Calls Us
 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 the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' 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, "Christian, love me more than these!"

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

Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible – the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self – a true servant of God.

You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Draw a map of the sermon.
Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.
Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

Write a "Thank You" Note to God.

Look around.
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon.
What would you tell everyone?



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

FOR Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.



A Time of Giving

Offertory — I Love to Tell the Story

Charles Callahan, arranger

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

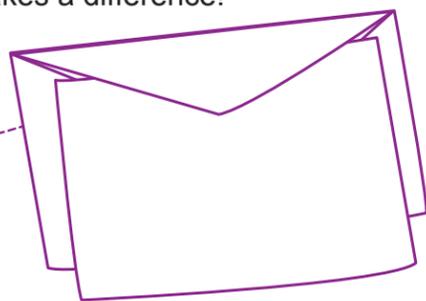
*Doxology 95

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 368 — My Hope is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain — On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.



When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do? **We will go out to be God's people in the world.** May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Congregational Benediction — Go Walk With God

Go walk with God in all you do, and may God's love bring joy to you. May gifts of peace fill all your days, and may God's truth guide you always.

*Postlude — Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Michael Burkhardt, arranger

The **white carnations** symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Bettie Rohleder and Marcia Wren.



How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

