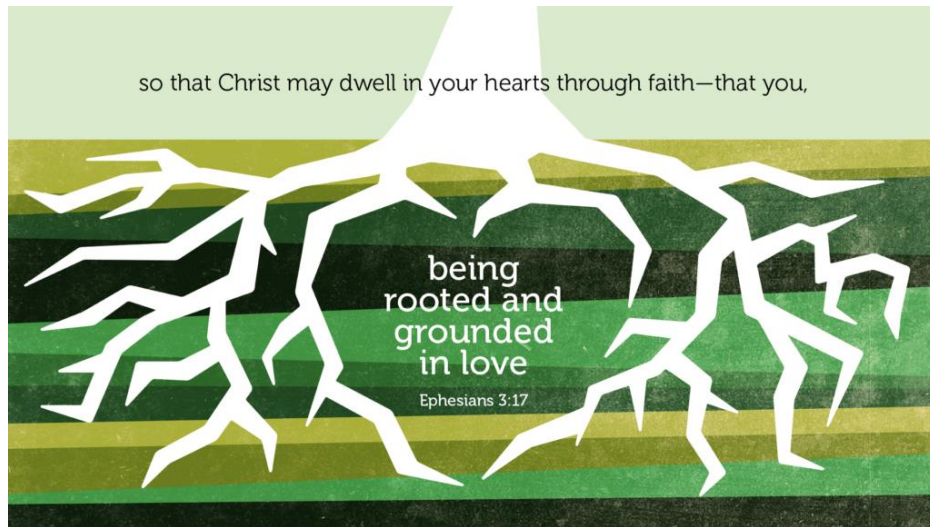


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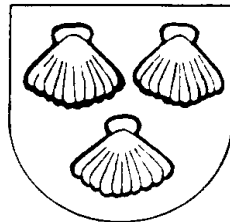


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Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. by Alec Wyton *offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Call to Worship

Mary Anne Espenshade

ONE: Come to worship the God of our salvation.

God's goodness has called us here.

Seek, and you will find.

With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.

Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Ask, and it shall be given to you.

Come now is the time to worship the God of our salvation.

Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

Sustaining God, grant us this day the blessings of your faithfulness and your grace.

Where there is hunger, give us bread.

Where there is thirst, give us cool water to drink.

Where there is loneliness, give us friendship.

Forgive our transgressions and our errant ways, as we forgive those who transgress against us.

Where we have wronged another, guide us into reconciliation.

And where we have been wronged, guide us on the journey of forgiveness.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

UMH 546

Verse 1

Verse 2

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ our Lord
We are His new creation
By water and the Word
From heaven He came and sought us
That we might ever be
His living servant people
By His own death set free

Called forth from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Our charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name professing
And at one table fed
To one hope always pressing
By Christ's own Spirit led

Verse 3

Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees us oppressed
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping
Their cry goes up how long
But soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song

Verse 4

Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of our war
We wait the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with vision the glorious
Our longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

Verse 5

We now on earth have union
With God the Three in One
And share through faith communion
With those whose rest is won
Oh happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee

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Scripture

Colossians 2:6-15 (CEB)

Mary Anne Espenshade

⁶ So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. ⁷ Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. ⁸ See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. ⁹ All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. ¹⁰ And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. ¹² You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. ¹⁴ He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

Luke 11:1-13 (CEB)

¹¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

³ Give us the bread we need for today.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.
And don't lead us into temptation.'"

⁵ He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread ⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸ I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. ⁹ And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

¹¹ "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? ¹² If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? ¹³ If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Message

"Anchored by Faith, Rooted in Love"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Hymn Sing

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH 526

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

UMH 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

2. O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

4. O cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life’s glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH 133

Verse 1

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Chorus

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“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

UMH 430

Verse 1

O Master let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret help me bear
The strain of toil the fret of care

Verse 2

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way

Verse 3

Teach me Thy patience still with Thee
 In closer dearer company
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
 In trust that triumphs over wrong

Verse 4

In hope that sends a shining ray
 Far down the future's broadening way
 In peace that only thou canst give
 With thee O Master let me live

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Prayers for God's People, the Church and the World

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God knows us better than we know ourselves.
 Relying on the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
 God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God for This Holy Ground” (see insert)

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
 I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand
 Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

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

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Benediction

Go forth as God's faithful ones, showing love and kindness to all.

We will scatter seeds of righteousness and peace, that God's kingdom may bloom anew.

Go forth and grow strong with Christ as the root and the foundation of your lives.

We will bloom in the faith God has given us— a faith that springs forth to bless the world.

Go forth empowered by the Spirit. And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

This week's lectionary texts all say that the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were arrogance, excess food and leisure, injustice and inhospitality, and not helping the poor and oppressed. Why do you think rich and powerful church leaders in the Middle Ages and in modern times went against the Bible and taught that the

sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was "homosexuality"

(a word not invented until the late nineteenth century)?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, as I begin this day I renew my commitment to live as an agent of your reconciling love.

Keep my actions holy, my thoughts blameless, and my intentions irrefragable.

Let me be firm in the hope promised by the gospel,
that my life may bear witness to Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

I return to you, God, as this day ends.
I am grateful for all that you have given me,
all that I have found, and all the doors that were opened to me.
As for those prayers that seem as yet unanswered, I leave them with you for now
and turn to my rest in the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen.

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