



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

August 30, 2020

Season of Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WOSHIP

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fred Bock, 1991

THE WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

Spacious Faith

Leader: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Deny yourselves."

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Take up your cross."

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Follow me."

All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us, in this place, and in our lives.

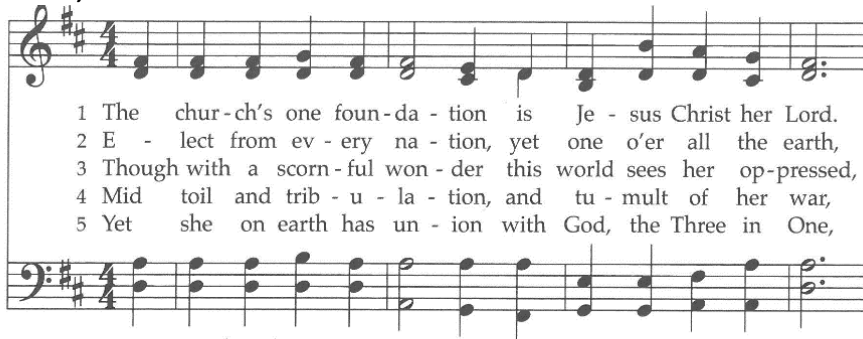
Leader: Let us worship God!

*Please stand as you are able.

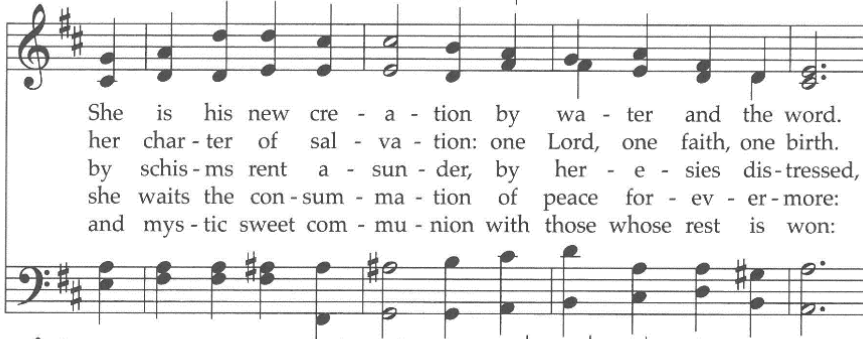
***HYMN OF PRAISE, 321**

The Church's One Foundation

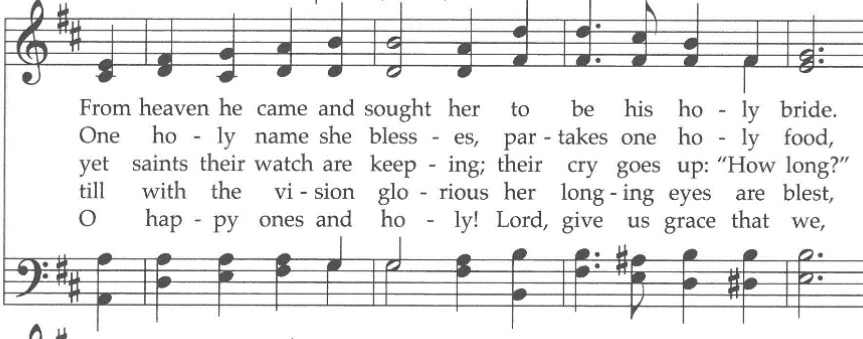
Tune: AUREILIA



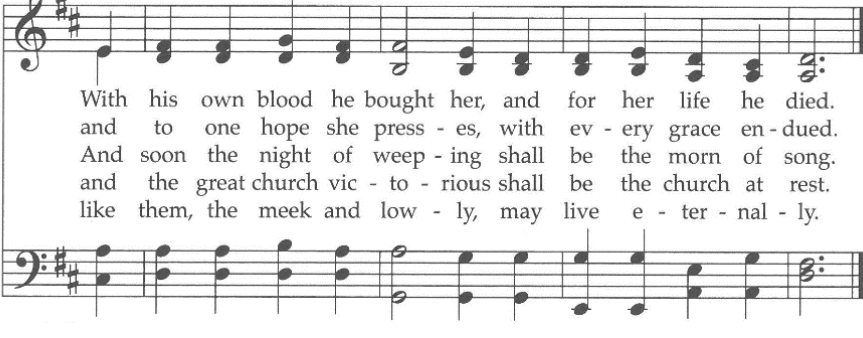
1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like Peter, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Too often we put our own desires ahead of yours, uncomfortable with the challenges they pose. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Reflection and Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear this good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE No. 205

Ubi Caritas

Tune: UBI CARITAS

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano accompaniment staves (Right and Left Hand). The lyrics are placed below the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are triplets in the piano part corresponding to the lyrics 'God will dwell with you.' and 'De - us i - bi est.'

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

SERMON

A Paradox of God

Jim Cochrane

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alan Bullard

Susan Noble, Soprano

*DOXOLOGY, No. 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and loving God, accept and transform all that we bring before you today: our money, our checks, our time, our faltering steps, our humanity. As you strengthen these offerings, transform us and set our mind not on human things, but on divine things. Let these offerings bring about your will in our world, in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, PETITION and INTERCESSION

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 726 Will you Come and Follow Me

Tune: KELVINGROVE

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

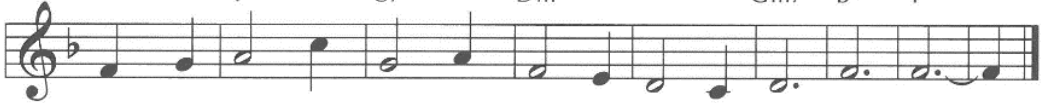
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

*Please stand as you are able.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Samuel Wellman, 2006

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Pastor Kristie day off is on Friday. Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.

Participants in worship:

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Sarah Seccombe

Barry Wenger

Susan Noble

Gabe Knott

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