



\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Young

One: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**All: So we will not fear, even if the earth shakes, even if our certainties wobble.**

One: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**All: The word made flesh is here among us; we will follow Him, the one through whom we were formed and by whose way we will be re-formed.**

\*HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress is our God, vss. 3 & 4*

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CONTEMPORARY READING Reinhold Niebuhr

Sarah Conly

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Preludes from Opus 28, Frederic Chopin*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:27-30, 41-43

Rich Geiler

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, 'You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, "Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name."

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name – for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm – when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

SERMON

*This Place*

Pastor Brent

\*HYMN

*They Did Not Build in Vain*

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MOMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT Stewardship

Hannah Fries

SUNG RESPONSE (please remain seated)

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, verse 3*

**Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

## OFFERING OURSELVES

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS (must be submitted in advance)

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Amen*

Danish Amen

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

INVITATIONS

\*HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Brent

SENDING SONG

*Love Is Love Is Love Is Love*

Kids Choir

Words compiled by Abbie Betinis; Music by Abbie Betinis

POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress, arr. Wilbur Held*

**Thank you** to all who helped with today's service, including Deacons David Anderegg, Gary Cilley, Sarah Conly, Elizabeth Young; reader Rich Geiler; fellowship: the Board of Trustees; greeter Carl Bradford; storytellers Elisabeth Bellows and Jon Geldert. Will Curtiss is running the Livestream and Scarlett Ritcher is in the nursery.

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



## They Did Not Build in Vain

Acts 2:1-4, 43-47; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:1-2

Alan Luff, 1989; alt.

1 They did not build in vain who found-ed here a church  
 2 Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit-nes-ses,  
 3 In ev-ery place our world is storm and tem-pest tossed,  
 4 Make this the meet-ing place where doubt finds grounds of faith,

as wit-ness to God's love a-mid a world of pain;  
 sur-round and urge us on as we now run our race;  
 the flames of fear and hate are e-vil's flags un-furled;  
 where hurt finds heal-ing love, our pen-i-tence your grace;

They built up-on the rock that is the ris-en Christ,  
 Though the ho-ri-zon's bend con-ceals the way a-head,  
 Yet still the Spir-it's power in wind and fire of love,  
 Where God in Trin-i-ty is bridge from death to life,

the one foun-da-tion laid, that stands each earth-ly shock.  
 the foot-prints on the road show Christ waits at the end.  
 pours gifts up-on the church for ser-vice in this hour.  
 from sin to ho-li-ness, time to e-ter-ni-ty.

Alan Luff, a graduate of the Royal College of Music, has served the Anglican Church as parish priest, precentor of Westminster Abbey, and canon of Birmingham Cathedral. He is also known as the author of Welsh Hymns and Their Tunes (1990).

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.  
 Traditional Yigdal melody  
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7*

*Latin, 6th-8th century*  
*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.*  
*St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!  
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.  
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.  
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

*The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.*

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 Henry T. Smart, 1867  
 Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*The New Century Hymnal (1995)*

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church's website.

## Election Day

The church will open up on Election  
Day to allow people who would  
like to pray or find a sense of peace  
to do so in our beautiful and  
venerable sanctuary finishing with  
a prayer service at 7:00 PM.



## Music Notes ~ Tracy Wilson

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