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Gathering Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" v. 1,2

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The musical score is written in a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion 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 schisms . . rent a - sund - er, 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 heav'n 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,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry 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.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen

Feeding of the Lambs (Children's Sermon)

Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness preparing for the beginning of his ministry, now he spends 40 days preparing his disciples for the beginning of their ministry together.

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was

lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Read responsively.)

- ¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
- ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD— be exultant before him.**
- ⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶ **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*
- ⁸ **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
- ¹⁰ **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

- ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*
- ³³ **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.
- ³⁵ **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

The writer of 1 Peter is less concerned over why Christian disciples suffer, and more concerned with strengthening their witness for love, peace, and justice in a world hostile to this way of living.

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

As Jesus delivers his "Farewell Discourses" to the disciples, he assures them that though he may leave them in bodily form, they will never be left on their own.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

^{17:1} After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all

whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon

Pastor Jerleen

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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Confession of Faith

P: As a community, we gather to confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the Church

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

P: Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable, especially those most at risk from flooding and the COVID-19 virus. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

P: Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

P: Give courage to all who embark on new venture. We especially remember this day those who risk their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Benediction

P: May the one who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing, Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

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hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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