

GATHERING

PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be...all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin...Faithful God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries...to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling— high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his

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Built on a Rock (ELW 652)

face, he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace
throughout the world, for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All glory be to God on high, and peace to
earth be given! Let angels sing, let all reply;
goodwill breaks forth from heaven! Lord
God Almighty, heaven's king, we worship
you, our thanks we sing, we praise you for
your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, cre-
ation's author, O Lamb of God, your death
alone takes sin away forever. Stretch out

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews
the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful peo-
ple. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in
times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow
on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

PSLAM 46:

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark
never failing; our helper frees us from the
flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our

For your people here who have come to
give you praise, for the strength to live
your word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord,
have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have
mercy. Help, save, and defend us, O God.
Amen.

your arms to ev'ry land, and, as you reign
at God's right hand, receive our prayer; have
mercy.

To you alone, O God, we cry, the Holy One
we name you; for you alone are God most
high, one living God we claim you: we wor-
ship you, Lord Jesus Christ, with God the
Spirit ever blest, in God the Father's glory.
Amen.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 503/505)
ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe, with
guile and dreadful might is armed to wage
the fight: on earth there is no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected. But now a
champion comes to fight, whom God
himself elected. Ask who this may be: Lord
of hosts is he! Christ Jesus our Lord, God's
only Son, adored. He holds the field victo-
rious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all
threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not,
unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r
us. This world's prince may rage, in fierce

SECOND READING: Romans 3: 19-28

Children and their grown ups may follow Rosalie for Four-Square Family Faith Formation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-46

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb
those who by deceit or sword would wrest
the kingdom from your Son and bring to
naught all he has done.

holy church, that we may sing your praise
eternally.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace
and unity on earth; support us in our final
strife and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...hear our prayer.

PEACE

remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Heavens Proclaim*, Marcello, arr. Hopson

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna

in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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BLESSING

Mothering God...the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841)

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Pastor:	Alex Martini
Director of Music Ministries:	Karl Segletes
Organist:	Susan Niedzwiecki
Liturgist:	Joy Gross
Musicians:	Chancel Choir
Audio/Visual:	Craig Nelson & Stacey Niedzwiecki