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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Shout to the Lord*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: In the Lord, we seek refuge. We shall never be put to shame.

People: The Lord will deliver us.

Liturgist: The Lord is our rock and our fortress.

People: Our ever-present help and the source of our being.

Liturgist: Be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: Lord, lead us and guide us on this new path.

Liturgist: People of God, let us worship the Lord who is our foundation.

***Opening Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation, verses 1,2,5*

***A Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

The Lord says to us, "Be strong and courageous" and promises to never leave our side. Let us take a moment to confess to God and to each other the ways we have fallen short of this trust and courage. Let us pray...

***Unison Prayer of Confession** (prayed aloud by all)

Loving God, You remind us that fear of anything or anyone but you is unfit for us. We thank you for the courage we draw from your mighty presence and for the wisdom and direction your Word provides. We confess that in times of uncertainty, it is easy to forget that wisdom and direction. Help us to remember that you are a God who is always moving forward. You are the constant One. Your servants come and go but you are always with us. We have a job to do in order to uphold the work of the kingdom here on earth. May we move forward with clear minds and full hearts. Amen.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

Sung Response to Confession: *Lord, Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: As God was with Moses, so God will also be with us. God will never leave or forsake us.

People: We will be bold in the courage to know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and renewed. Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

Small Talk

Prayer for Illumination

Comforting God, as we navigate our new path, speak to us through these words. May we see what you want us to see, hear what you want us to hear, and know what you want us to know. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9 ; Joshua 1:1-9

The Message

Liminal Season

Rev. Ralph Lowe

Hymn of Affirmation:

You Are Mine

Sharing our Life Together and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above all heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

Blessed Assurance

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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I Will Come to You You Are Mine

Leader or All



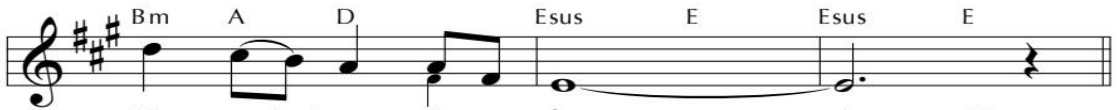
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



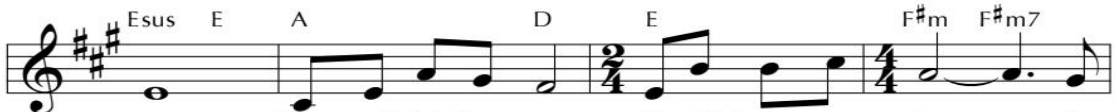
still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
all will know my name. (to Refrain)
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain

All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

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1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.