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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 and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Glorify Thy Name*

*The Call to Worship

Liturgist: O Lord, our sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Liturgist: When I look at your heavens, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Liturgist: O Lord, our sovereign,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Opening Hymn: *How Great Thou Art, verses 1&2*

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

In confession, we open our minds and hearts to the transforming love of God. We come to God humbly and honestly, confessing our sin and asking for God's forgiveness, so that God may be at work in us, to make us more like Jesus.

Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

Holy God, we live in an unsettled time. We are gripped by fear for our country. We are estranged from our neighbors over differing political views. We speak fighting words and some have enacted political violence. We struggle to bring our faith to bear in this embattled season of our country.

Silent Confession *Please take a moment for silent confession*

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Wise and loving God, we need more than simple forgiveness. We need forgiveness that leads us to be people of honest faith, resilient hope, and enduring love; and we need ways to be credible witnesses in our community, our state, and

our nation. Stir our imaginations that we may discover new pathways and raise in us the courage to be your faithful people, even in this trying time. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Jesus became as we are that we might become as he is. In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and works to make us new. Trust this good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response to Confession: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons **Acts 4:1-7, 13-22, 5:27-29; Matthew 22:15-22**

The Message: **A Particular Love for Our Country**

Hymn of Affirmation: *The Church's One Foundation, verses 1&2*

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Celebrating the Lord's Table

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Peace be with you in the name of the Lord!

Let us be joyful together in God's presence!

Lift up your hearts and rejoice!

Hallelujah! Praise to the Lord!

Lift up your hearts and be thankful!

With thanksgiving, let us give glory and honor to the Lord, our God!

O God, you created the heavens and the earth. Before there was any of it, there was You. You breathed your world into existence; the grass, the flowers, the sun, and the clouds. And, of course, us too. You called us your people and committed to never leaving our side, even when we turn away from you. You loved us then and love us still.

Holy Holy Holy, verse 1

Lord, God Almighty, you sent your Son to save us. A Prince of Peace to teach us how to live. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and calmed the storm. He taught us to love one another and recognize each other as brothers and sisters. Even after his teachings were met with violence and crucifixion, you raised him from the dead to rule over all creation.

Fairest Lord Jesus, verse 1

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Ever-loving God, unite us with Christ in this Holy meal. Surround us with your Holy Spirit so that we may spread your love. May we welcome the opportunity to be your hands and feet in our world. May we embody Christ as we serve others and share your love with those around us. May you receive glory through our actions, O Lord. Amen.

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.*

Sharing the Feast Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Sending Hymn:** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, verses 1&3*

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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:

feel the gen - tle breeze:

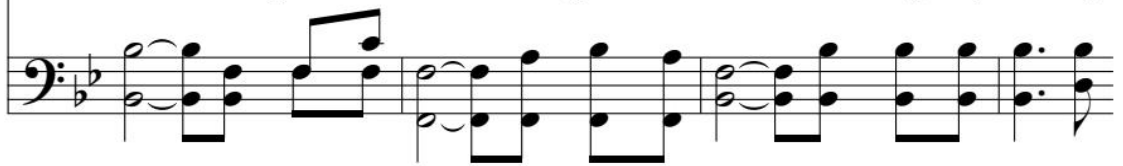
take a - way my sin:

God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



The Church's One Foundation 321

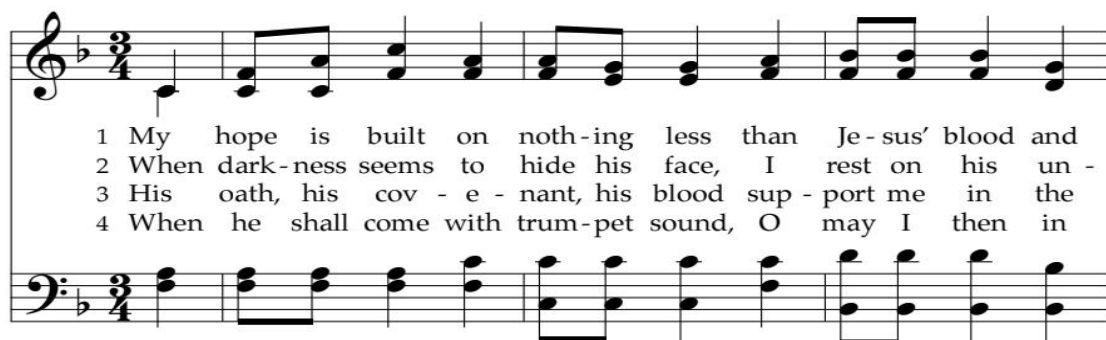
1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion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

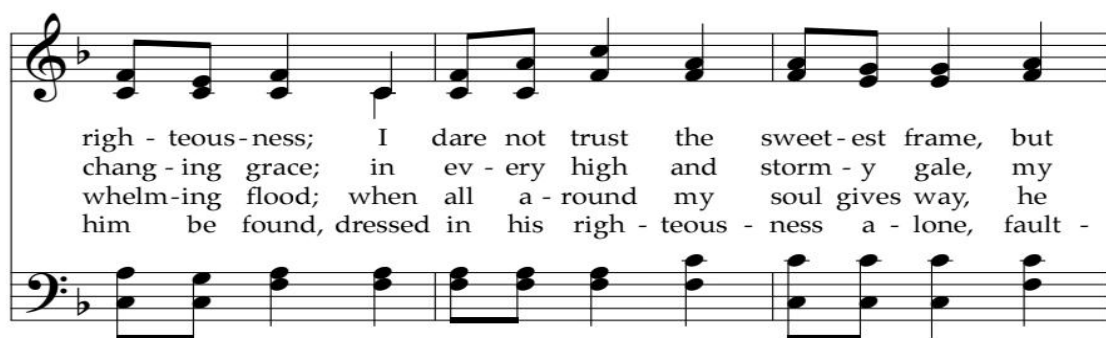
From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

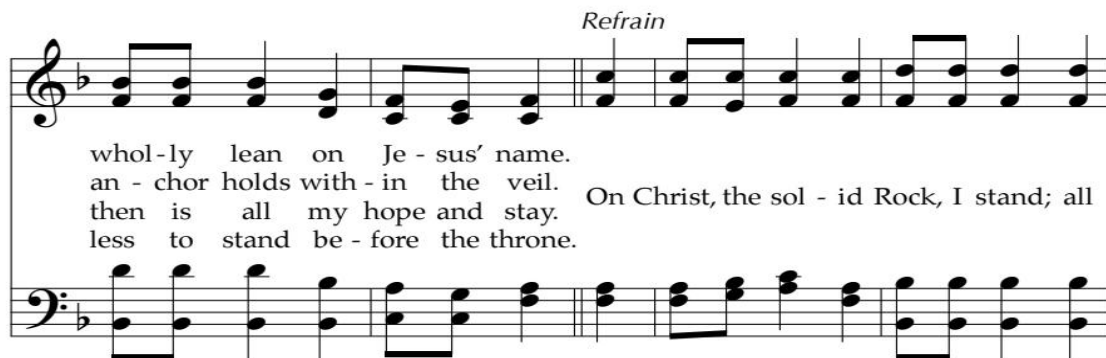


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.