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**At Home Bulletin**

## **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
**those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.**

Some wandered into desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.  
**They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.**

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
**He led them by a straight way to a city  
where they could settle.**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for men,  
**for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.**

## **INVOCATION**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

#### ***The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel Stone; Music: Samuel Wesley

#### ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay  
*[Refrain]*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
*[Refrain]*

Text: Edward Mole (1834); Tune: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury (1863)

#### ***Psalm 54***

Tune: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

## GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

### 5th Commandment

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12*

Our Lord we confess that in you we find true freedom but we have not lived as ambassadors of that freedom.

**Forgive us Lord for not proclaiming freedom to the captive and liberty to the oppressed. Forgive us for placing obstacles in the path of those seeking your grace and burdens upon the burdened.**

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

**Lord we have not honored your instruction as the path to contentment.**

**Forgive us, for we ignore your law at times and at others use it as a means of judgment and self-righteous promotion. In you alone, Lord, is true freedom and contentment.**

**Forgive us for running to empty idols in search of what only you can offer.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 5:1-2*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*- Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

How do you know this?

**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8)**

## RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

### PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### *Stand up, Stand up for Jesus*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:  
ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;  
where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:  
to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-40

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Standing in Truth”

Mr. Clark Emerson

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion  
as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence  
of the body of Christ.*

## MERCY OFFERING

*This gift will support Elaine Welch on her missionary trip to Belize.*

## HYMN OF SENDING

### *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side the man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is He  
Lord Sabaoth His name from age to age the same  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure for lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs no thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go this mortal life also  
The body they may kill God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever.

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## BENEDICTION

**Sermon NOTES:** Standing in Truth