

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- Whatever's most important to you is your god. If it's not the Rock Christ Jesus, then it's sand! Raymond Berry
- "God doesn't expect us to be a walking encyclopedia of biblical knowledge. God wants us to know Him, to be in a relationship with Him. This means not only hearing but allowing our understanding of God to change the way we live. Like the wise builder who laid the foundation of his house on the rock, we learn to let our knowledge of God change us."
 - Tyler Edwards, Zombie Church: Breathing Life Back Into the Body of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God is our rock

All: And our salvation.

One: Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith.

All: He is the head and the heart of our lives.

One: Jesus is our rock in a weary, frightening and harsh land.

All: Jesus entered our world as God in human flesh that we might truly experience God's love and will.

One: Whatever happens to us in the world, we can find refuge in the Rock that is our salvation.

All: Thanks be to God for the steadfast Rock that never fails.

PRAISE SONG: God Says It's Time (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Paul says, "If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolish with God." Let us admit our foolishness and ask for forgiveness from our wise God.

CONFESSION SONG: Lord, Help Me Keep My Life In Balance (music at end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we certainly want people to think that we're special. We want them to think we are wise or clever, just a notch above the "madding crowd." Why do we waste so much energy on what other people think? We know that what is important is what you think. And you already know our shortcomings and our foibles - and you love us, anyway. You know what gifts we have and what we are capable of, and you urge us forward. You don't make fun of us when we're down, or laugh at our awkwardness. You simply guide us in moving forward again. Paul reminds us that we belong to Christ, and that Christ belongs to you. Forgive us, God, and continue to guide us through our own foolishness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord. No one can lay any foundation other than the one God has laid. Christ is our foundation, also, amidst toil and tribulation and tumult; we wait the consummation that only Christ can give. We know that in Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Lord, Help Me Keep My Life in Balance (music at end of bulletin)

SCRIPTURE, MESSAGE, SONG

INTRODUCTION: "The Church's One Foundation??" - Pastor Cristy School

SONG: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (chorus) (music at end of bulletin)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-8

1-3 "Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water!

Are you penniless?

Come anyway—buy and eat!

Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.

Buy without money—everything's free!

Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on cotton candy?

Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best,

fill yourself with only the finest.

Pay attention, come close now,

listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words.

I'm making a lasting covenant commitment with you,

the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love."

6-8 Seek God while he's here to be found, pray to him while he's close at hand.
Let the wicked abandon their way of life and the evil their way of thinking.
Let them come back to God, who is merciful, come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness.

"I don't think the way you think.

The way you work isn't the way I work."

REFLECTION 1:

Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (v. 1 & chorus) (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ^[g] ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

REFLECTION 2:

Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (v. 2 & chorus) (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

- ⁶ God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- 8 Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

REFLECTION 3:

Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (v. 3 & chorus) (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: The church's foundation is built upon God.

All: Christ is our Cornerstone

One: We offer ourselves as living stones

All: Forming God's temple, built upon Christ.

One: Through our faith others can lean on us and begin their own faith journey.

All: Shape us and Build us to Your glory.

One: Have faith. Believe. Live. Shine.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: Lead Us Out (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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