

Worship Leader Edition  
Labor Day

September 5, 2021

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (Rob)

+CALL TO WORSHIP (Rob)

L: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

**C: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

L: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**C: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

L: God has called us together, God has called us to be part of a community.

**C: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.**

L: In this time together may God open our hearts, minds and eyes, allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

**C: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

+GATHERING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW #796

**Verse 1**

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?

**Verse 2**

“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.”

**Verse 3**

“When through fi'ry trails  
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.”

**Verse 4**

“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.”

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (Greg Hornicke)

L: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (Mark Bergherr)

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and

earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}*

Matthew 7:24-27

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *{Pulpit & Lectern}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

**ELW #771**

**Verse 1**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
Infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance  
Through the silent fields of space;  
We, your children in your likeness,  
Share inventive pow’rs with you;  
Great Creator, still creating,  
Show us what we yet may do.

Probed the secrets of the atom,  
Yielding unimagined pow’r,  
Facing us with life’s destruction  
Or our most triumphant hour.

**Verse 3**

As each far horizon beckons,  
May it challenge us anew:  
Children of creative purpose,  
Serving others, hon’ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
Each endeavor well begun;  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
Till our goals and yours are one.

**Verse 2**

We have ventured worlds undreamed  
Of since the childhood of your race;  
Known the ecstasy of winging  
Through untraveled realms of space;

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *{Musicians}*

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## MEAL

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### +THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Rob)*

##### DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(spoken)*

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

##### WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

##### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

##### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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## SENDING

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#### SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

#### +BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Verse 1**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim,  
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.

**Verse 2**

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

**Refrain**

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Verse 3**

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!

**Refrain**