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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 106:1-2**

Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

# The Church's One Foundation

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Tenor



The church - 's one foun - da - tion is  
E - - - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet  
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men  
Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she is His new cre - a - tion by  
one o'er all the earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
see her sore op - pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by  
wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet saints their watch are  
sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and  
keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and  
His own blood He bought her, and for her life he  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en -  
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of  
died.  
dued.  
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 or foe or 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 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.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 30:18**

The LORD waits to be gracious to you,  
and he exalts himself to show mercy to you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • From Psalm 25**

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 30:19**

A people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## **DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Proverbs 1:20-33

20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;  
21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
22 “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
23 If you turn at my reproof,  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
24 Because I have called and you refused to listen,  
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,  
25 because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when terror strikes you,  
27 when terror strikes you like a storm  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.  
29 Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
30 would have none of my counsel  
and despised all my reproof,  
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.  
32 For the simple are killed by their turning away,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
33 but whoever listens to me will dwell secure  
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us join together with the Lord in the prayer he taught us...

*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.*

# Come, Holy Ghost

Text: Rhabanus Maurus (A.D. 776-856); chorus by Ray Mills (2005)

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills • ©2006 Cardiphonia Music, ©2006 Raymond G. Mills

5  
Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,  
O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,  
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
9 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;  
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our  
14 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -  
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our  
18 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -  
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -  
23 noint - ting from a - bove.  
fraid, where you go there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son;  
be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,  
that thou dost from them both proceed.

*(Chorus x2)*

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;  
and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

*(Chorus x2)*

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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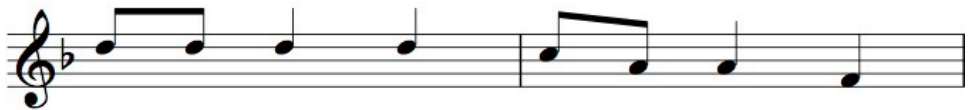
1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



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



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



Rock, I stand: all o-ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o-ther ground is sin-king sand.

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 7:24-29

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “The Word with Authority” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?” (Psalm 18:30-31)

“The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-25)

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

“By this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” (1 John 2:3-6)

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about [Jesus]: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” (C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed**

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

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\* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

# The Love of God

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1.The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen\_\_\_ can ev - er  
2.When years of time shall pass a - way, and earth - ly thrones and king - domes  
3.Could we with ink the o - ceans fill, and were the skies\_\_\_ of parch - ment



tell; It goes be - yond\_\_\_ the high - est star, and reach - es to\_\_\_ the low - est  
fall; When men, who here\_\_\_ re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills\_\_\_ and moun - tains  
made, were ev - 'ry stalk\_\_\_ on earth a quill, and ev - 'ry man\_\_\_ a scribe by



hell; The guil - ty pair,\_\_\_ bowed down with care,\_\_\_ God gave His Son\_\_\_ to  
call, God's love so sure,\_\_\_ shall\_\_\_ en - dure,\_\_\_ all mea - sure - less\_\_\_ and  
trade, to write the love\_\_\_ of God a - bove,\_\_\_ would drain the o - - cean



win;\_\_\_ His er - ring child\_\_\_ He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his  
strong;\_\_\_ re - deem - ing grace\_\_\_ to A - dam's race; the saints and\_\_\_ ang - els  
dry,\_\_\_ Nor could the scroll\_\_\_ con - tain the whole, the stretched from\_\_\_ sky to



sin. O love of God,\_\_\_how rich and pure!\_\_\_ How mea - sure - less and strong! It shall for -  
song.  
sky.



- ev - er - more\_\_\_ en - dure\_\_\_ the saints and an - gels\_\_\_ song.

# We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our  
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther  
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be  
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con-  
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up

*(Chorus)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things!" we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
my soul, be not afraid;  
for the promised morning— oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 1 Peter 1:1-2

To those who are chosen...  
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,  
in the sanctification of the Spirit,  
for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:  
may grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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**For Those Joining Us On Zoom...** Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at [ascensionpc.org/worship](http://ascensionpc.org/worship).)

**Photo Directory Pictures & Information** • If you would like a picture taken for our church’s forthcoming photo directory, see Bill Duncan after Worship sometime in the next few weeks. If you need your contact information included or updated, email Eric ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**Home Group** • Today (May 29) after Worship, at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Join us for lunch. Hot dogs will be provided—bring sides/desserts/drinks to share if you’d like. We’ll discuss chapters 3 and 4 of Dane Ortlund’s book, *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners*.

**Men’s Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., June 4 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Please bring something to share for our meal together, and think about inviting a friend. RSVP to Eric ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (June 5) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: [deacons@ascensionpc.org](mailto:deacons@ascensionpc.org).)
- FOOD PANTRY — The elementary school in the church’s neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. *Please bring dry beans to donate—let’s try to collect 100 items in total!*

**Men’s Study** • 6:30am Tuesdays at the Starbucks at the Sunset Esplanade (2521 SE TV Highway). This group is discussing Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

**Women’s Study** • 7pm Wednesdays. This group is discussing Dane Ortlund’s book, *Gentle and Lowly*. Locations vary - contact Jerilee Costa ([jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

**Summer Campout** • Fri. - Sun., July 29-31, at South Beach State Park (Newport). To register, contact Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

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