

February 20, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

7th Sunday After The Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Cecelia McGinnis

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Bayard Lindell, Conference Bd. Of Health & Welfare Member

Leader: I call you to be holy, as I am holy.

People: **We accept your summons, O Lord.**

Leader: I will bring to light the things now hidden.

People: **We await your word, O Lord.**

Leader: I will reveal the purposes of your hearts.

People: **And then our hearts shall be turned to the right, for you are the Lord our God.**

*Hymn No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

Cwm Rhondda

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

God, we have come to worship you. We thought we could come on our terms, but your Word proclaims your rule over this gathering and in all your creation. Help us to hear your will for us, not as limiting and oppressive but as the freeing, fulfilling pathway to life. We want to be your faithful children. We want to experience life at its best. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (See Insert)

Tanner Hammond Stone

Golden Cross Litany

Anthem

How Firm a Foundation
Chancel Choir

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Pastorale

Domenico Zipoli

*Doxology 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Margaret Crooks

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Hymn No. 561

Jesus United by Thy Grace

St. Agnes

†*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Second-Mile Christians!"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*Benediction

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Go forth from here today indwelt by the Holy Spirit, made holy and kept pure, strengthened and sustained, guided and filled, by the very Spirit of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Harry P. Irwin** by Evelyn Irwin.

Infant Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of holy baptism today is **Tanner Hammond Stone**, infant son of J. R. and Denise Stone, born on July 15, 2010. Proud big brother is Ryan Stone. Grandparents are David and Cathy Goldman, Dennis and Rhonda McDaniel, and Barry and Jerri Stone.

Golden Cross Prayer

O God, restorer of all things, you call us to health and wholeness in your healing power. Today we pray...

...for those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Heal failing bodies, troubled minds, and broken hearts. In you alone will we find wholeness. Give us your comfort so we do not lose heart. Even though we are outwardly wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day, in you and by the power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

Holy Spirit, the sustainer who stands in for us in our weakness, you give us the love and the strength to stand, and watch, and wait with those we love who suffer. And now we pray...

...for those who are plagued with feelings of helplessness as they watch their loved ones who are ill and in pain. It is in you that we find the courage to watch and wait. It is in you that we find hope.

Loving God, who calls each of us according to your purpose, you call us to care for those who need us. We also pray...

...for those who care for others, for pastors, for counselors, for doctors, for nurses, for all those whose lives are devoted to their neighbors. Bless their hands to work, their ears to listen, and their feet to carry them to those places they are needed most. Sustain them in their work.

God, who brings order out of chaos, we give thanks for the organizations which care for us in our times of need. We pray...

...for the hospitals, homes, hospice programs, and all those services which help us in our living, in our healing, in our recovery, and even in our dying. Bless those places which may become temporary or permanent homes for your people.

May we, your church, be the body of Christ for the world, participating in your acts of mercy and grace. In Christ's name we pray, **AMEN.**

Music Notes

John Rippon first published the text to *How Firm a Foundation* in his collection, *A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors* in 1787. The actual author remains a mystery although it has been attributed to at least three different people from that era. The text references multiple Old and New Testament scriptures. The familiar tune *Foundation* is a 19th Century American tune published in both *Sacred Harp* and *Southern Harmony*.

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word?
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?*

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe, shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy path way shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never--no never--no never forsake.*