

May 22, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

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

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

*Thanks Be to Thee*

G. F. Handel

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

People: **God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

Leader: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

People: **Every day, we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

Leader: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

People: **We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

\*Hymn No. 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Ein' Feste Burg

\*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Chad Withered Scholarship Presentation

New Testament Reading

Acts 7:55-60

page 153 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalms 31:1-16

page 764 (Response 2)

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

page 282 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Offering

Offertory

*Abide With Me*

J.S. Bach

Rhonda McGinnis, flute, Joyce Nickles, organ

**\*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**

Shell Dula

*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. 534**

*Be Still, My Soul*

Finlandia

**†\*Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-14

Page 132 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Avoid Heart Troubles"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**2011 Graduate Recognition**

**Blessing of Graduates**

**Congregation:** We have passed on to you what we hold most dear - our faith, integrity, love, and belief.

**Graduates:** We have listened, watched, and learned from you, now we will use the tools you have given us to build our lives.

**Congregation:** We will pray for you every time we think of you.

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**Congregation:** Commit yourselves to Christ and never forget His love for you.

**Graduates:** We will remember and will respond to His call.

**Congregation:** Be courageous and live an exemplary life.

**Graduates:** We will live as you have taught us.

**Congregation:** We send you out with the understanding that we believe in you, that you will succeed. We have faith in you that you will remain true to our teachings and the Word of God. We will be praying for you as you walk through the days of your life. May God be ever present with you and lead you in the paths of righteousness. Go in the Peace of Christ.

**\*Hymn No. 714**

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

El Nathan

**\*Benediction**

**Leader:** There is a people sent from God whose name is Hope.

**People:** And the people named Hope shall bear witness to the light; despair shall not overcome us.

**Leader:** There is a people sent from God whose name is Love.

**People:** And the people named Love shall bear witness to the light; hatred shall not overwhelm us.

**Leader:** There is a people sent from God whose name is Life.

**People:** And the people named Life shall bear witness to the light; death shall not overpower us.  
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.*

**†Sermon Text**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

*Nursery Provided*

# Music Notes

The author of the text for today's anthem is unknown; although we do know it originated in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and was translated from the original Latin by John Mason Neale. Perhaps the text was inspired by Isaiah 28:16, "I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." The text has been set to multiple tunes over the years. Today's anthem is by 20<sup>th</sup> century organist and composer, Dale Wood.

## *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son.  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever One.  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*