



\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side

—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**

**when our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;

**then the flood would have swept us away,**

**the torrent would have gone over us;**

then over us would have gone

the raging waters.

**Blessed be the Lord,**

**who has not given us**

**as prey to their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird

from the snare of the fowlers;

**the snare is broken,**

**and we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

ANTHEM

Go Down, Moses!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

But What Do You Think?

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Glorious Things of The are Spoken

Hymnal, No. 81

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*(Romans 8:1,28,38,39)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...God, be with us; **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Hymnal, No. 353

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato

G. F. Handel

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for September 3: Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **August are toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Please plan to stay for a potluck meal following worship today.** You're welcome to bring a dish to share, but it is you we want to see!

# The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord,  
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.  
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:  
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.  
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



- 1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
- 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
- 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



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



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



## Refrain



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



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

