

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. God invites us to be as living stones built together with Christ, to become and be God's people. 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness to light. In words and in deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ.

Voluntary

David Weigle

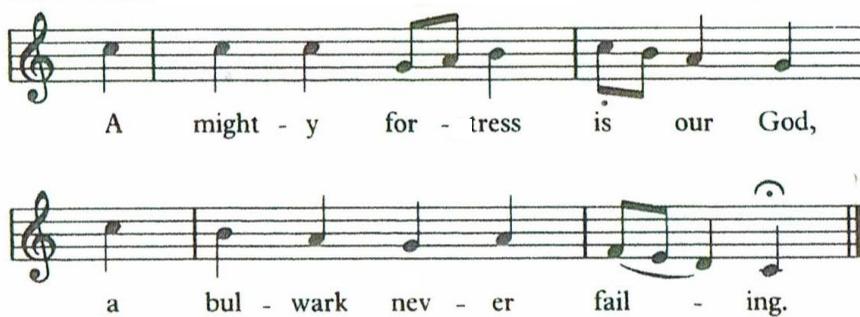
Festival Piece on ANTIOCH — arranged by Dale Wood
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

RESPONSE 1 Martin Luther



A might - y for - tress is our God,
a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing.

R

In you, O God, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

R

(continued)

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
 for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
 for you are my refuge. **R**
 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
 you have redeemed me, O God, O faithful God.
 My times are in your hand,
 deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
 Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love. **R**

Invocation Harry Wooten
 Holy One, you are our fortress and our rock, the foundation on which all things
 are built. You have made us one family and one people, a holy priesthood,
 precious in your sight. Tear down the barriers we have put up and rescue us from
 our isolation. Gather together the living stones of our lives and fashion us into a
 holy temple, transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace. Amen.

Hymn [see insert] Worshippers
Living Stones — ST. ANNE

Testimony of Joy Trent Juarez

Time for Young Disciples Laura Keller

Prayers of the People Michael Gregg
 God, our hearts are breaking.
 Danger surrounds us.
 Powerful emotions pummel us.
 Sorrow and grief overwhelm us.
 We feel powerless in the face of this great wave of infection.
 Powerless to stop it.
 Powerless to keep our families safe.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

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Many of us are safe at home, quarantined on behalf of others.
Others are out in the world, risking health on behalf of others.
We know it's worth it, but it's hard.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

We mourn the dead.
We suffer alongside the sick.
We empathize with the exhausted.
We hold space for the downtrodden.
We lament with the destitute and desperate.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud.

We know there is a greater good.
We know there is a purpose in every sacrifice, large and small.
We know even though we are in the unfathomable middle,
This story has an end.
Even as we cry, rage, wail, shut-down,
And we allow ourselves to grieve,
We offer our true experience and our deepest sorrow.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

We Grieve in Isolation — PASSION CHORALE
(stanza one)

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

1 Peter 2:2-10 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Dan Thompson

A Chasing of the Wind/Why Do We Live Without Jesus
Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Being Built like Living Stones ”

Offertory

Jasmine & Jayda Parrish

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — J. S. Bach, arranged by Scott Straidle

Communion

Worshippers

Through the steadfast love of God, we come to this table. Through the steadfast love of Christ, we share this meal. May the Spirit be with all as we gather. As we savor this sacrament, remembering the one who gave us this meal, we recall that Christ abides with us, here and now.

Communion Prayer

Holy One, send your Spirit to surround these tables with your love. Bless all who are gathered, here and now, and all who are present in our hearts. Amen.

Taking the Bread and Cup

The bread of life, to feed your soul.

The living water, to nourish your soul.

Blessing

Tim Schaefer

As you have been fed at the table of Christ,

Let us go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free,

We go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have received hope,

Let us offer hope to all we meet.

As you have been heard,

We will proclaim.

And the blessing that you have received from the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be always with you.

Amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

How Firm a Foundation — FOUNDATION
(stanza one)

Postlude

David Weigle

Erstanden Ist Der Heil'ge Christ — J. S. Bach
"The Blessed Christ is Risen Today"

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Hymn Notes

Living Stones

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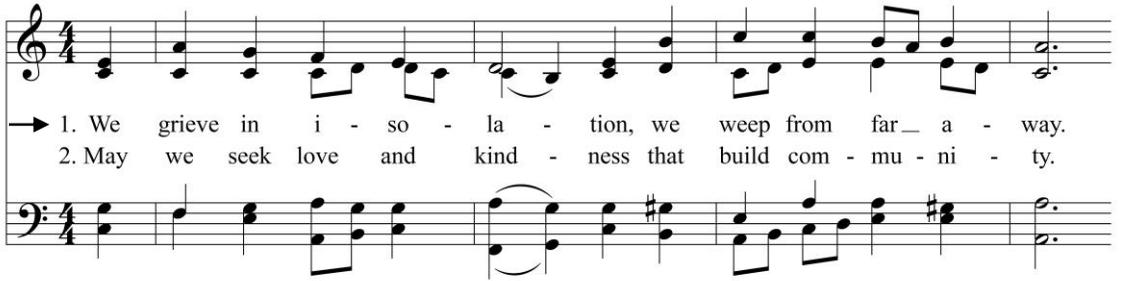
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Living Stones

1. Our God has built with liv - ing stones a church that lives as well;
2. God's Son, our Rock, our Cor - ner - stone on which we stones must build;
3. Then should a seek - er see the stones and ask what these rocks mean,
4. Let sin - ful pride, like Eas - ter's stone, by God be rolled a - way.

in sol - id and in cer - tain tones to pray, and sing, and tell.
foun - da - tion that is Christ a - lone, each stone in Christ ful - filled.
"They are the church which our God owns and through which Christ is seen!"
Then through our lives let it be known Christ lives and leads to - day.

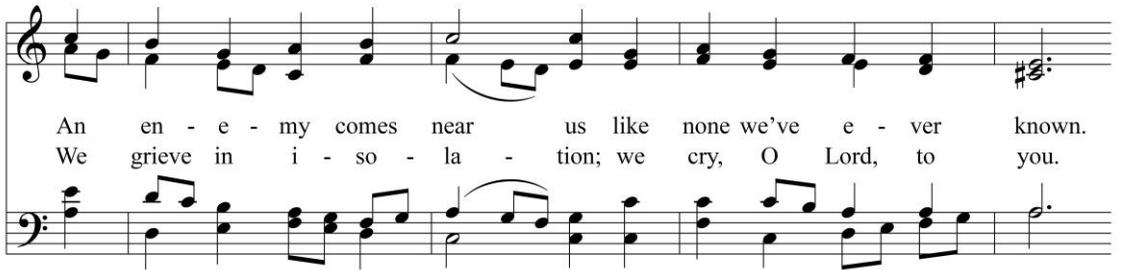
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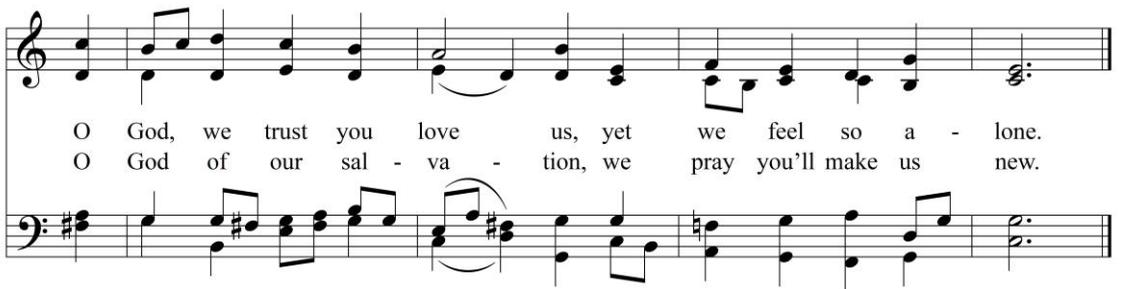
→ 1. We grieve in i - so - la - tion, we weep from far_ a - way.
2. May we seek love and kind - ness that build com - mu - ni - ty.



We won - der at the suf - f'ring we hear a - bout this day.
May we seek truth and just - ice that heal so - ci - e - ty.

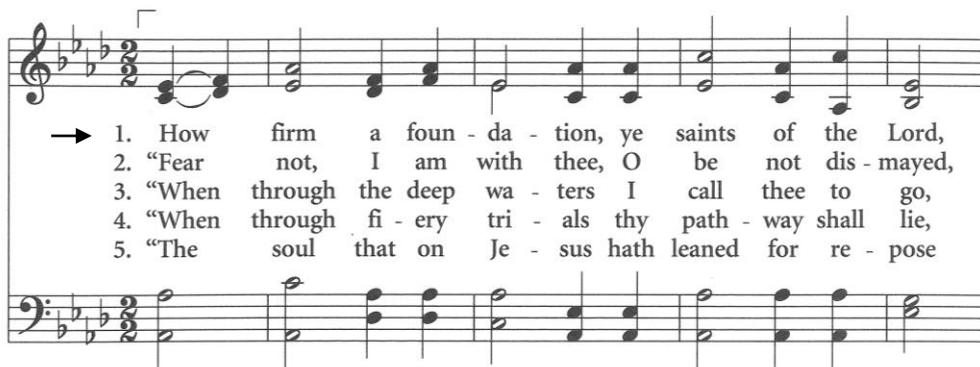


An en - e - my comes near us like none we've e - ver known.
We grieve in i - so - la - tion; we cry, O Lord, to you.



O God, we trust you love us, yet we feel so a - lone.
O God of our sal - va - tion, we pray you'll make us new.

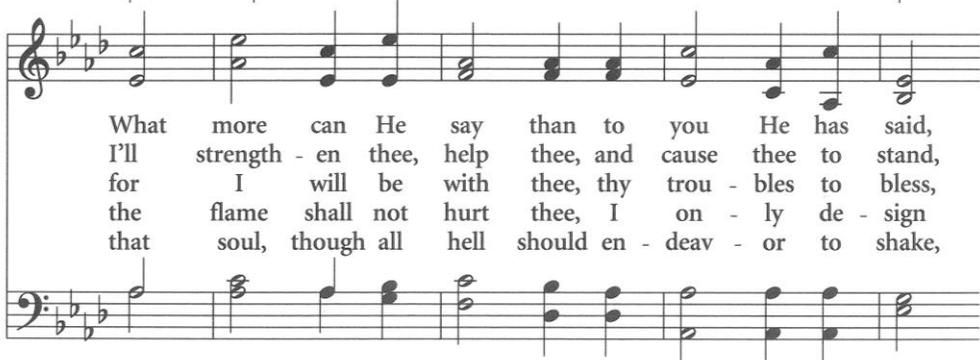
How Firm a Foundation



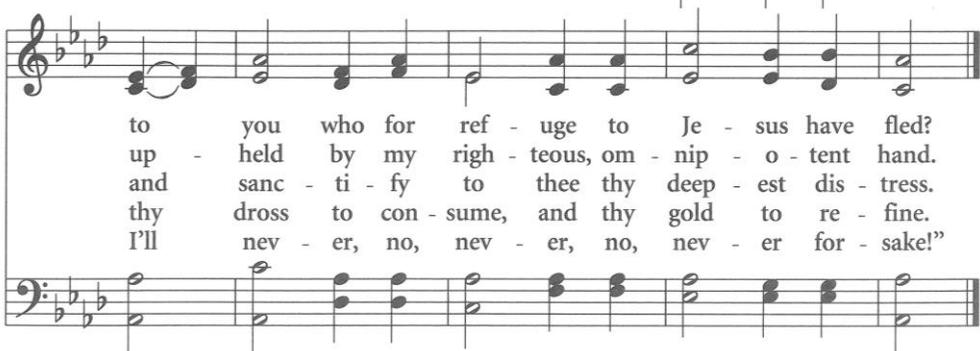
→ 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can He say than to you He has said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org.

Deacons on Call

Melanie Ferguson & Garey wisdom

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(NRSV)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**