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23 Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

Prelude/Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather and worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most Merciful God,

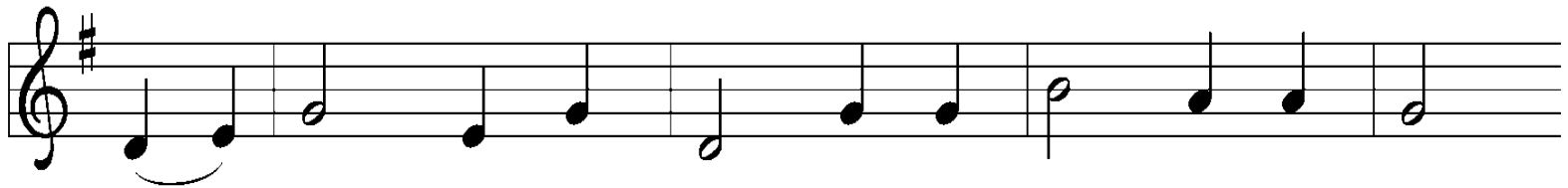
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen!

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

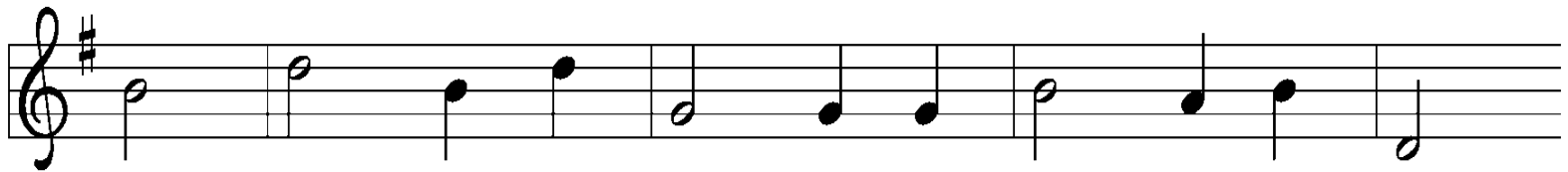
How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Greeting The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly' are written below the notes.

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and harmony. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by the number '6'. The lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er' are written below the notes.

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by the number '10'. The lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

Call to Worship from Psalm 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

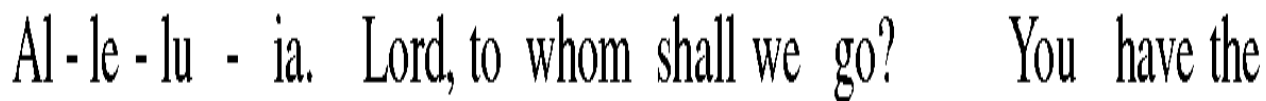
⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

The first reading is from 2nd Thessalonians, the 3rd chapter

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon – Pastor Tom Frey

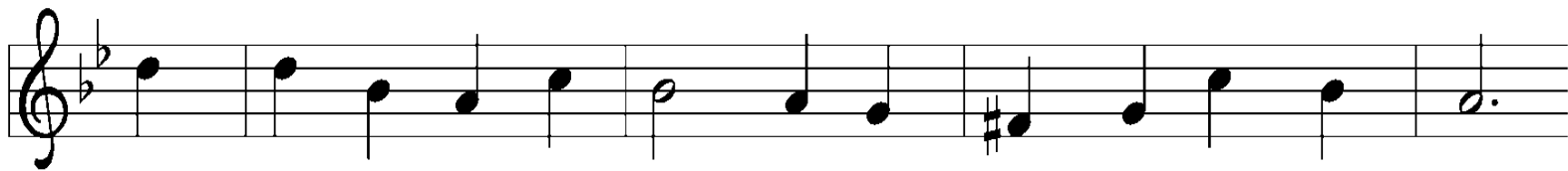
O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Let us join together in affirming our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with

Your mercy is great.)

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Offering & Special Music

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
All are welcome

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Blessing The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

Prayer after Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in
Christ's name. **Amen**

Benediction

As you go on your way,
May God go with you!
May He go before you..to show you the way;
May He go behind you...to encourage you;
Beside you...to befriend you;
Above you...to watch over you;
And within you...to give you His Peace!
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Deacon Lisa Miller

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR

THE REDEDICATION CELEBRATION - NOV. 23

The form is under the picture of Jesus in the narthex

SCAN IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR OFFERING ONLINE!



Announcements for 11/16/2025

We invite you to fill out the appropriate information in the pew pads and pass them to the center aisle,

Also, you will find green prayer/blessings request forms in the pew. Feel free to fill them out and place them in the offering plate.

Sew and Sews – Join this group on Thursday mornings. Bring your lunch if you wish to stay and enjoy the fellowship. **The Islander at Santini plaza has allowed the Sew and Sews to have a sale outside their store on Nov.18. We will be offering microwave cozies and other handmade items to raise funds for our ongoing menstrual pad project. Please stop by and check out our wares!**

Breakfast Church Info – The dates for Breakfast Church are: Saturday, January 24, February 28 and March 28 at 9:00 am. Help spread the word!

Teddy Bear Ministry - This ministry involves you bringing a new or gently used teddy bear to sit in the pews with us and be present for worship. Bring a bear or other critter to share with someone who might need a bit of comfort.

Sisters In Spirit – Sisters in Spirit meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Library. Join them on the 3rd floor, using the elevator. **Next meeting is Nov. 11. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. See Anita Turner for more information.**

Flowers today are given by Lynn Larson to celebrate her birthday.

Sign up for flowers, coffee hour or the Rededication service & luncheon in the narthex!