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Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, completely trusting in God and God's plan!**

Leader: We follow the example of Christ to put God's plan over our own. We follow the example of Christ, offering ourselves to God's service. When we do, God will do great things through us.

People: **Like Jesus, we turn to God in difficult times. Like Jesus, we need companions. Like Jesus, even as human life gets hard, we seek God's comfort.**

Prelude

Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans 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 its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and 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 - ni - po - 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."

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down, just as you taught us to. Sometimes our spirit is strong, but our flesh is weak. Sometimes our flesh is strong, but our spirit is weak. In all times, we turn to God who provides for all of our needs. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him,
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Senior Choir

What a Friend

Don Besig

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 26:39-45

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Message

The Garden of Gethsemane

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Nun Bitten Wir

Dietrich Buxtehude

Offertory Hymn*Lift High the Cross***(verse 1)*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri-um-phant sign. The
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree, as
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

hosts of God in u - ni-ty com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D.C.

Hymn

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Benediction

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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