

**August 27, 2023**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Megan McGee-Bonta

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*HYMN #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation. The Lord is our fortress. Why should we be afraid?

**People: We remember there is one thing we are to seek most: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.**

Leader: God will keep us in God's sanctuary and place us in safety, like being on a high rock.

**People: Then we will hold our heads high and worship with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Moses and Mary, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, God of Love, for our foolish choices.**

**Hold on to our shaky lives until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends.**

[ . . . time for our silent person confessions . . . ] **Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance. Keep helping us to follow**

**Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to be maturing disciples more and more every day.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Hold On to the Rock" Sanctuary Choir

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Life to the Full: A Foundation That Lasts"  
Scripture: Matthew 7: 24-29

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

MUSIC "Firm Foundation (He Won't)" Praise Band

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Thom Shuman posted on Lectionary Liturgies
- Jeff Shrowder posted on The Billabong website

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