



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* by Robert Lowry/arr. Joe Utterback *Sylvia Oines*

Welcome *Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly*

Leader: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

News From The Front *Urban Impact Community Development & Outreach, Lynne Blessing*

Light the Christ Candle *Worship Leader, Lynne Blessing*

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

Song *Be the Centre* *Ensemble*

Jesus, be the centre; be my source, be my light, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre; be my hope, be my song, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision; be my path, be my guide, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre; be my source, be my light, Jesus

Be my source, be my light, Jesus; Jesus, Jesus

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Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Lynne Blessing

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 (The Message)

¹¹⁻¹³ But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

¹⁹⁻²² That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1-3, 5)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How Long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song
Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally

Children's Message

Colleen Harriott

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Lynne Blessing

Leader: You have given all to me.

People: **To you, Lord, I return it.**

Leader: Everything is Yours.

People: **Do with it what You will.**

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace.

People: **That is enough for me.**

Song *Across the Lands*

Ensemble

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began

Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand

All creation holds together by the power of Your voice

Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice

You're the author of creation; You're the Lord of everyone

And Your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost

And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross

With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea

Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free *(Chorus)*

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave

And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your wake

Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own

From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home *(Chorus)*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Belonging to Christ, Belonging to Bethany: No Longer Strangers*

Doug Kelly

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Song *Cornerstone*

Ensemble

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name *(Repeat)*

Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil *(Chorus)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless I stand before the throne *(Chorus)*

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Benediction

Doug Kelly

Closing Song *Go Now In Peace*

Ensemble

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go *(Repeat)*

Postlude *The Wall* by The Brilliance

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Doug Kelly

Leading Worship Lynne Blessing

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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