

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 18th, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE O God, Our Help in Ages Past. *G. Young*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes those whose hearts are sick.

God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.

Why is the health of God's people not restored?

Why must we weep day and night for those who have lost?

There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.

Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.

We bring all our pain and unresolved anger.

We come in all our confusion to seek answers.

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.

God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin.

We cry out for relief from our suffering.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Into this holy temple, we have come, gracious God. This is not our church but yours. We cannot claim our world; it is a trust from your hand. Our lives, our health, our length of days call forth our stewardship. We are managers, not owners, so we come to you now to give account and seek your further commands. Help us, O God of our salvation. Amen.

***HYMN** There Is a Balm in Gilead #611

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we have not managed well, the wealth of the earth, which is our trust from you. We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and

unfulfilled for we have not tried your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into your new day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the confusion and despair of your former ways melt into trust in a God who cares. Let go of dishonesty and false riches to accept the wealth of knowing God and responding in faithfulness. God's gift to us is a quiet and peaceable life, full of dignity and godliness. Such acceptance and inner peace enliven our active care for others and our sharing in the joy of service.

***GLORIA PATRI** #805

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** How Firm a Foundation #612

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:21-28 (p.242)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *On insert*

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision *P. Manz*

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

We give, loving God, because of your generosity to us. We share because this is your will for us. In faithfulness to your call, we seek to manage the resources you provide for the greatest benefit to humankind. May they bring a bit closer, an awareness of your intentions for us and your rule among us. We worship and serve you with all we have. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine #514

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has delivered and blessed us here.

God will assist us every day as we are open to God's help.

We will look to God for guidance and direction.

We will seek God's truth for every situation.

We are invited to pray for others each day.

When we intercede for them, we draw closer to God.

We will be sensitive to others' pain and joys.

We will respond in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small.
Acknowledge God's ownership of all you possess.

We seek to be honest managers and generous stewards.

We are grateful servants of a loving God.

Amen. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Blest Be the Tie Verse 1.

POSTLUDE Hymn to Joy

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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1 Samuel 1:1-13

p.242

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only

you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk.

AFFIRMATION

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

611 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Jer. 8:22

Unison

(Ref.) There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3. Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

D. C. Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

BALM IN GILEAD
Irregular

Hymn Title

How Firm A Foundation

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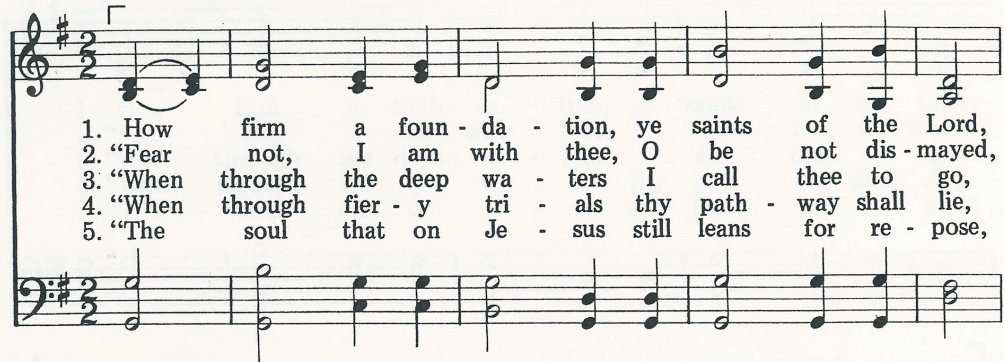
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COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

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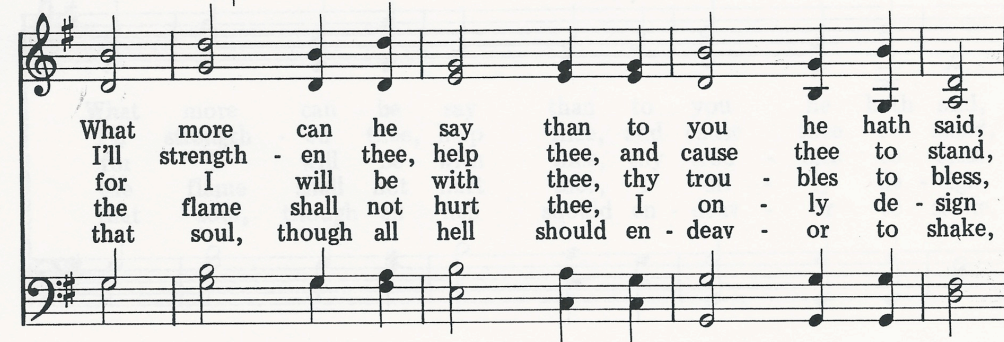
For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid. 1 Cor. 3:11



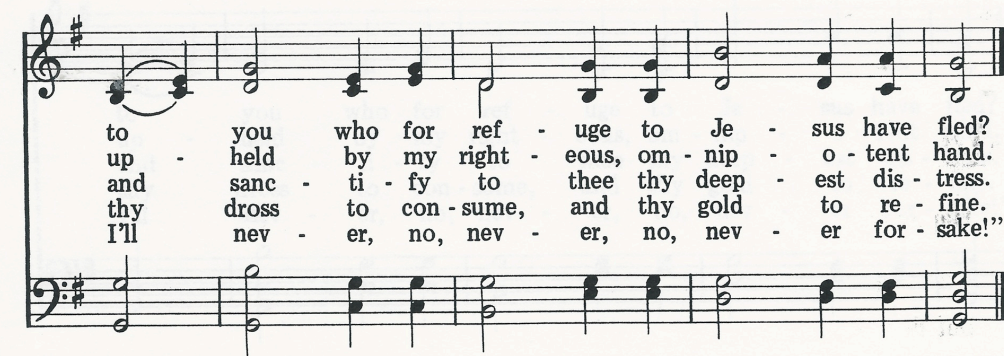
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



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 sor - row shall not 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 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 right - eous, 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!"

WORDS: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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ASSURANCE AND TRUST

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 514

Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. This is my sto-ry,
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my

sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

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