WORSHIP SERVICE CONGREGATION
July 26, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP  (from Psalm 27)
LEADER: Who is the Lord?
PEOPLE: The Lord is my light and my salvation!
LEADER: Again, I ask you, who is the Lord?
PEOPLE: The Lord is the stronghold of my life!
LEADER: But trials come and life can be hard. What gives you such confidence?
PEOPLE: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord.

PRAYER

HYMN # 526 The Solid Rock
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
In Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
In Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
In Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

HYMN 408 How Firm a Foundation
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN # 220 He is Here  
He is here, hallelujah! He is here, amen!  
He is here, holy, holy, I will bless His name again.  
He is here, listen closely; hear Him calling out your name.  
He is here, you can touch Him. You will never be the same.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27: 1-8  
1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
   whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
   of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When the wicked advance against me  
   to devour me,  
it is my enemies and my foes  
   who will stumble and fall.  
3 Though an army besiege me,  
   my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
   even then I will be confident.  
4 One thing I ask from the Lord,  
   this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
   all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
   and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble
   he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
   and set me high upon a rock.
6 Then my head will be exalted
   above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
   I will sing and make music to the Lord.
7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
   be merciful to me and answer me.
8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
   Your face, Lord, I will seek.

REFLECTION
The Thin Places of Faith

HYMN #
In Christ Alone
In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
*Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
*Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**BENEDICTION**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13