

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

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Opening Song

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

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First Reading

Nehemiah 8:9-18

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Reprise: Join Us In Singing

“Your Word Is A Lamp”

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.

When I Feel Afraid, Think I’ve Lost My Way, Still You’re There Beside Me,
And Nothing Will I Fear As Long As You Are Near.
Please Be Near Me To The End.

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.

Now I Will Not Forget Your Love For Me And Yet My Heart Forever Is Wandering.
Jesus, Be My Guide And Hold Me To Your Side,
And I Will Love You To The End.

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
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Second Reading

John 15:9-17

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Gathering Song

“Jesus Loves Me”

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Sermon

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Anointing, fall on me, Anointing fall on Me,
Let the Power of the Holy Ghost
Fall on me,
Anointing fall on me (Repeat)

Lord’s Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

There’s a spirit of love in this place, as we sing together,

There’s a spirit of love in this place,
There’s a spirit of love in this place.
You can’t see it, but it’s there, just as precious as the air.
There’s a spirit of love in this place.

And so...

This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Join us in singing:

There’s the presence of peace in this room,
There’s the presence of peace in this room.
In God’s tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There’s the presence of peace in this room.

Closing Song

“I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy”

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Benediction

Lyrics

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me, I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me,
I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me, Singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus Lifted Me.

When I Was In Trouble, Jesus Lifted Me, When I Was In Trouble, Jesus Lifted Me,
When I Was In Trouble, Jesus Lifted Me, Singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus Lifted Me.

I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me, I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me,
I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me, Singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus Lifted Me.

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know, For The Bible Tells Me So.
Little Ones To You Belong; They Are Weak, But You Are Strong.

Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me!
The Bible Tells Me So.

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know, As You Loved So Long Ago,
Taking Children On Your Knee, Saying, “Let Them Come To Me.”

Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me!
The Bible Tells Me So.

Jesus Loves Me! Still Today, Walking With Me On My Way,
Wanting As A Friend To Give Light And Love To All Who Live.

Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me!
The Bible Tells Me So.

“I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy”

I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart;
I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart To Stay.

I’ve Got The Peace That Passes Understanding,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart;
I’ve Got The Peace That Passes Understanding,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart To Stay.

I’ve Got The Love Of Jesus, Love Of Jesus,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart;
I’ve Got The Love Of Jesus, Love Of Jesus,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart To Stay.

For There Is Therefore Now No Condemnation,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart;
For There Is Therefore Now No Condemnation,
Down In My Heart, Down In My Heart To Stay.

Readings and Prayers

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing:

I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone. I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, A Sure Foundation, A Sure Foundation.
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, You That Believe Shall Not Make Haste.

I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone.. I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone.
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, A Sure Foundation, A Sure Foundation.
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, You That Believe Shall Not Make Haste.

Leader: God of our beginning, you have made us ready, filled with joy and praise..

All: **You are our firm foundation**

Leader: God of our spirit, you have created us and called us each individually and beautifully, uniquely and with purpose.

All: **You are our firm foundation**

Leader: God of our faith, you hold us in your steadfast love.

All: **You are our firm foundation**

Leader: God of our story, you were there when we were in greatest rejoicing, in the love and people that have been the vibrant building blocks of our history.

All: **You are our firm foundation**

Join us in singing:

I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone.. I Lay In Zion For A Foundation Of Stone.
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, A Sure Foundation, A Sure Foundation.
A Tried Stone, A Precious Cornerstone, You That Believe Shall Not Make Haste.

Leader: God of our joy, you were there and we know you will be there in our hope, in our joys to come.

People: **You are our firm foundation on which we find our future with love and praise Amen!**

First Reading

Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to our God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the Law.

Then he said to them, “Go, eat the festival foods, drink the sweet drinks, and send portions to those who have nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of our God is your strength.”

So the Levites silenced all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved.” Then all the people went away to eat, drink, to send portions, and to celebrate a great feast, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

Second Reading

Just as God has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept God’s commandments and remain in God’s love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his or her life for their friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from God I have made known to you. You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of God in My name God may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another.