



David's United Church of Christ
May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “God and God Alone” Phill McHugh, arr. Kurt Kaiser
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

Introit – “I Was Glad” Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “The Church’s One Foundation” vs. 1, 2 & 5 (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Kristen Gayler*

One: The Christ said, “This is my commandment: Love one another.”

Many: We come to worship the God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: The Christ said, “No longer do I call you servants; but now I call you my friends.”

Many: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

All: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship toward the human family, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment – *Steve Roark*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – “How Firm a Foundation” Traditional American tune, arr. Dale Wood

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 31: 1-6, 15-16 (adapted from The Message)

One: I run to you, God, I run for dear life.

Many: Don't let us down! Take us seriously this time!

One: Get down on my level and listen, and please—no procrastination!

Many: Your granite cave a hiding place, your high cliff aerie a place of safety.

One: You're my cave to hide in, my cliff to climb.

Many: Be our safe leader, be our true mountain guide.

One: Free me from hidden traps; I want to hide in you.

Many: We've put our lives in your hands.

One: You won't drop me, you'll never let me down.

Many: We hate all this silly religion, but you, God, we trust.

One: Hour by hour I place my days in your hand, safe from those out to get me.

Many: Warm us, your servants, with a smile, save us because you love us.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **O God who labors without ceasing, to bring all people into wholeness and into oneness with you, we confess our reluctance to live in unity with all your people and creation itself. Help us to overcome the scandal of our pride—the pride of race, nationality, creed, class, orientation, and color—that your church might be a worthy witness to your good news of love and forgiveness. Empower us to proclaim your gospel and struggle for justice and peace. By your presence with us now, make us one in love and mission. Amen.**¹

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem – "His Eye is On the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Scriptures – First – Acts of the Apostles: 2: 42-47

Epistle – 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel – John 14: 1-14

Sermon – "This Is The Way" *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – "Guide My Feet" (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – "Go Forth in Joy" Hal Hopson

Postlude – "Built on a Rock" Ludvig Lindeman, arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tress - ed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till, with the vi - sion glo - ri - ous, her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather 552

Unison

1. Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
1. *Se - ka - i no to - mo to* hand we link with hand;
2. Man - y are the tongues we speak,
2. *te o tsu - na - gi,* scattered are the lands,
3. Na-ture's se - crets o - pen wide,
3. *scat-tered are the lands,* changes never cease.
4. Grant, O God, an age re-newed,
4. *filled with death-less love;*

look-ing toward our Sav-ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
kyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove

As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,
E'en in dark-ness hope ap-pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis-tressed, torn by end-less strife:
truth and cour-age, faith and power, need - ed in our strife:

Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, Mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

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Guide My Feet

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1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

3 Stand by me ...

4 I'm your child ...

5 Search my heart ...

6 Guide my feet ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.