



# Order of Worship

September 5, 2021

10:00 a.m. Service

## Prelude

*Another in the Fire*  
Vocalist - Abby Stewart

Davenport/Houston

## Introit

*Lord, We Come to Worship You*

Folts

## Call to Worship

### \*Hymn #442

**The Church's One Foundation**

1. 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.
2. 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.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. 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.

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we turn away from our neighbors and desert our friends. We run in fear when we should be loyal. Have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once more to table, and unite us to Christ, who is bread of life, to whom be praise forever.

### \*Silent Prayer of Confession

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Bless This House of Worship*

*Martin*

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Choral Response**

**Scripture Reading**

**Ezra 3:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

<sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup> so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

**Being Known**

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because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." (Ezra 3:11)*

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

### \*Hymn #538

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.
3. So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever,  
Reign with Thee in endless day.

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Closing Response

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

### \*Postlude

*The Blessing*  
Vocalist - Anna McNamara

\*Please stand if able.

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