



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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September 27, 2020

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. J. Linker

WELCOME

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

People: My heart is steadfast, O God. I will sing praises to you.

OPENING HYMN #529

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 hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

***“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”***

***“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rod Brown

**O God, as the scriptures are read and the music is sung,
plunge us into the depths of your mercy
and lift us into the heights of your grace,
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Guide. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2025

As the Deer

***As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.***

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray for the sick and suffering.

Living God, whose love is strong and whose mercy is constant,
we pray with confidence in the name of Jesus for all who are suffering today.
O God our Rock, hear our prayer for those who are suffering in their bodies.
May they find healing and recovery through dedicated professionals
who apply their knowledge for our wellbeing.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God our Redeemer, hear our prayer for those who are suffering in their minds.
May they find comfort and relief through insightful caregivers
who see the beauty in each person.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God our Guide, hear our prayer for those who are suffering in their relationships.
May they find safety and reconciliation through wise friends
who find hope in every situation.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God our Refuge, hear our prayer for those who are suffering because their communities
are polluted and neglected because of prejudice.
May they find restoration and peace through courageous decision makers
who place people before profits.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God our Hope, hear our prayer for those who mourn.
May they find comfort in your everlasting love and strength in your eternal promise
through Jesus Christ who is the resurrection and the life of all.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When our prayers come to an end, may your mercy find no end.
Where our abilities are limited, may your grace be unlimited.
Through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit we praise you,
God Most High, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SOLO

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Psalm 23

arr. K Kaiser
Kurt Fowler, cello

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 42 and 43

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Singing Garden: Prayers for Help

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #512

Stand By Me

***When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.***

***In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.***

***In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.***

***When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*
John Hague & Dick Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*
Rod Brown, *Liturgist*
Jerry & Kathy Hacker, *Song Leaders*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*
Kurt Fowler, *Cello*

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sunday, Oct 4 at 11 a.m. via Livestream

Parking Lot Vesper Services
Sunday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Drive-In Movie Night:

The Addams Family
Friday, October 16 at Dusk (about 7:15pm)