



August 23, 2026 – Livestream
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Moffett

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Tango d'Automne

B. Archibald
Phil Palermo, violin; Becky Archibald, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rich and poor,
young and old
raise your voices:

People: Blessing, honor and glory to Jesus Christ!

Leader: In cathedrals and chapels,
from seashores and mountain tops
the world proclaims:

People: Blessing, honor and glory to Jesus Christ!

*Opening Hymn #545

The Church's One Foundation

***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.***

***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.***

***Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.***

***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.***

*Yet she on earth hath 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, on high may dwell with thee.*

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, with the faithful of every age, we praise you
for your Spirit that draws us together.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the servants of your Son,
that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

How firm a foundation

arr. M. Wilberg

Chancel Quintet/Summer Choir

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, who unto the savior for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health, in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,
at or abroad, on the land or the sea as thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never forsake! Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #853

Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

Leader: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me, you strengthened my life.

Leader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

People: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly,

People: yet knows the haughty from afar.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

**People: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.**

Leader: O Lord, fulfill his purpose for me;

**People: O Lord, may your steadfast love endure forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Horton

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance—all who seek the Lord!
Consider the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were mined.

² Yes, think about Abraham, your ancestor, and Sarah, who gave birth to your nation.

Abraham was only one man when I called him.

But when I blessed him, he became a great nation."

³ The Lord will comfort Israel again and have pity on her ruins.

Her desert will blossom like Eden, her barren wilderness like the garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness will be found there. Songs of thanksgiving will fill the air.

⁴ "Listen to me, my people. Hear me, Israel,

for my law will be proclaimed, and my justice will become a light to the nations.

⁵ My mercy and justice are coming soon.

My salvation is on the way. My strong arm will bring justice to the nations.

All distant lands will look to me and wait in hope for my powerful arm.

⁶ Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth below.

For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing.

The people of the earth will die like flies, but my salvation lasts forever.

My righteous rule will never end!

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2237

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

***As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.***

***We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.***

***As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Tango for Disobedient Beasts
Tango in a Heartbeat

B. Archibald
Phil Palermo, violin
Becky Archibald, piano

*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!***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Skyline Foundation

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #555

Forward Through the Ages

***Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.***

**Refrain: *Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.***

***Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. [Refrain]***

***Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal. [Refrain]***

*THE BLESSING

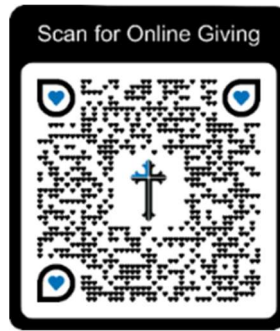
POSTLUDE

It Takes Two

B. Archibald

Phil Palermo, violin; Becky Archibald, piano

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in honor of Donald Eugene Smith-Brown's ("Mr. Don's") birthday.*



Upcoming Events:

Immigrant Rights Prayer Vigil
August 29, 11:00am-12:00pm, front lawn

Farmers Market
September 3, 4:00-6:00pm

Cathedral Singers Rehearsal Resumes
September 10, 7:00pm

New Member Class Begins
September 13, 10:00am

Choristers Rehearsal Resumes
September 13, 10:00am

Worship Without Walls
September 13, 11:00am

Back to Sunday School" Breakfast & Parent/Guardian/Volunteer Meeting
for Children & Youth Ministry
September 20, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall

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Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Jill Moffett
Pastor of Community Formation
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education
Theo Hicks
Director of Music
Heather Hinton
Organist
John Hague
Allen McCormack
James Horton
Audio Visual