

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 3, 2022**

**Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

*On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand  
Communion Table*

*Mason  
Logan*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

**✠ Call to Worship** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Leshner*

The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!  
**The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!**  
O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!  
**Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!**

**✠ Invocation**

*Dennis Leshner*

Lord God,  
we gather in this place  
not because we are deserving of your love  
and not because we have lived faithfully before your face.  
We gather here because you have called us.  
You loved us before we could love you.  
You have given your Son for our salvation.  
For this we join all creation  
in blessing you, praising you, thanking you.  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
You are great, and greatly to be praised.  
As we offer our praise,  
we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son,  
whose death and resurrection give us hope.  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**✠ Hymn 275**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**Confessing  
*God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dennis Leshner*

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children.



We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. **Amen.**

### **Time for Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Dennis Leshner*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life."

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

### **Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and  
pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

### **Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Thou Art Worthy*  
*Piano - Dennis Leshner*

### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you,



through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 455**

*Come, All Christians Be Committed*

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Children's Sermon**

*Wise or Foolish?*

*Celia Weber*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 7:15-27*

<sup>15</sup> "Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. <sup>16</sup> You'll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> So you'll recognize them by their fruit.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. **Depart from me, you lawbreakers!**' <sup>24</sup> "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."

**Sermon**

*"The Sure Foundation"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Hymn**

*Cornerstone*

*Verse 1*  
*My hope is built on nothing less*  
*Than Jesus' blood and righteousness*  
*I dare not trust the sweetest frame*  
*But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*  
*(REPEAT)*



*Chorus*  
*Christ alone cornerstone*  
*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love*  
*Through the storm He is Lord*  
*Lord of all*

*Verse 2*  
*When darkness seems to hide His face*  
*I rest on His unchanging grace*  
*In every high and stormy gale*  
*My anchor holds within the veil*

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*  
*When He shall come with trumpet sound*  
*Oh may I then in Him be found*  
*Dressed in His righteousness alone*  
*Faultless stand before the throne*

*Chorus*

## **Sacrament of Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

### **Invitation to the Table**

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come  
again!**



## **Profession of Faith**

I believe that God,  
because of Christ's satisfaction,  
will no longer remember  
any of my sins  
or my sinful nature  
which I need to struggle against all my life.  
Rather, by grace  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.

### **Commissioning**

***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***



 **Hymn 202**

*Amazing Grace*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Bonnie Mecaughey and Dennis Lesher*

 **Postlude**

*Everlasting Victory*

*Turner*