

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people. Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

Gathering Music

Prelude "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

By Tom Fettke

Welcome Steve Rose

† Call to Worship

One: We love you, O Lord,

All: our strength.

One: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer,

All: our God, our rock in whom we take refuge, our stronghold.

One: We call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

All: We love you, O lord, our strength.

† Opening Hymn 89 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Stanzas 1-3, 5

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now And thro' eternity.

[†] Please rise in body or spirit.

During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn, all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Anthem "The Meditations of My Heart" by Elaine Hagenberg
GBC Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

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- O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength,
- O Lord my God and Redeemer.
- O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength,
- O Lord my Redeemer.

(Repeat)

- O Lord my Redeemer.
- O Lord.

† Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD; Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt., Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

† Prayer of Dedication

John Meyer

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 Cory Brown

Sermon Easier Said Than Done Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation Chrissy Tatum Williamson





- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...
- 4 I'm your child ...

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.

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

Benediction Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

" 'Forever' with 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee' "
Pam Weis

arr. Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald

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