

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

Scriptural Reflection on Matthew 11:28

Andy Potts

~Arr. Fenton Groden

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

We gather, seeking God's guidance for our journey.

Jesus, God's Word made flesh, reveals to us the heart of God.

We gather, seeking to fathom the depths of God's love.

The Spirit, God's presence with us, shapes us into the likeness of Christ.

We gather, seeking to love more like Jesus.

Siblings in Christ, let us open our hearts to the Word of God—

that we might glimpse God's glory and be renewed by God's Spirit!

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

"K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns | Early USA melody | harm. Tabor | Words & Music: Public Domain

Verse 1

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?

Verse 2

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand

upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Verse 4

"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."

Verse 5

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Opening Prayer

Good and faithful God, we give You thanks for Your presence in our lives and for the promises in Your Word—both of which sustain us and give us the courage to live and love as You intend. Today in the presence of Your Holy Spirit, speak to us again through Your Word. Guide us, and renew our minds, so that our lives might reflect more clearly the life of Your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Response

Thy Word
Amy Grant | Michael W. Smith

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Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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Verse 1

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way | Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near | Please be near me to the end **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

I will not forget Your love for me and yet | My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side | I will love You to the end **(Refrain)**

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

First Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Love Came for Me
Wexelberg | arr. Fettke | orch. Mauldin

Chancel Singers
Barb Rhodes, soloist

Message

The Whys of Worship: Why Do We Read Scripture?

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us so Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater what could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal | Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory | Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Doxology

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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!

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn

What a Friend

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Abbie Parker | Adam Palmer | Matt Maher | Matthew Hein

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Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations | Everybody knows heartbreak, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down | Lay our burdens down

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus | East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon | And forever and ever His heart is my home

Verse 2

Everybody has fears everybody got worries | Everybody knows sorrow devastation
But we can lay our burdens down | Lay our burdens down

Chorus

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful | He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful | How He has proven it over and over (over and oh)

Chorus

Sending Forth

Benediction

Postlude

Closing Voluntary

Andy Potts

~Jacques-Louis Battmann