

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

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

Celia Weber

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Celia Weber

In holy splendor, we worship the Lord.
In God is glory and strength.
The Lord is mighty. God is with us.
In torrents and storms, God's peace pervades.
In rumbling thunder, God's mighty voice soothes.
The Lord is majestic. God is with us.
The whisper of the Lord snaps silence.
The unwavering sound persists.
The Lord is awesome. God is with us.
As flames being fanned, the presence grows.
In its shadow the wilderness pleads.
The Lord is powerful. God is with us.
Enthroned, God rules the universe.
The peaceful scepter prevails.
God reigns. God is with us.
In whirling winds, nature acknowledges glory.
The people in the temple rejoice.
It is certain. God is with us.



Cornerstone

Verse 1 (2x)
My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus's name.

Chorus
Christ alone, Cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior'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 storm 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

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Celia Weber

"Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool."

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Celia Weber

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless
when you pass judgment.**
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my
secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit
within me.
**Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy
spirit from me.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

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 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it

Offering

Offertory *Bow the Knee* *Mahen /Harland*
Greg Maurer & Dan Baker

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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness
we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for
your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.



I Will Be Still

Verse 1

*Though the earth give way, Though the mountains fall to the sea
Though its waters roar, I will cling to Thee*

Pre-Chorus

There is no fear as I look upon you

Chorus

I will be still, I will be still

And know, and know, and know You are God.

Verse 2

Though the nations rage and creation yearns for the Lord,

Though the earth may melt, I'm forever yours.

Pre-Chorus

There is no fear as I look upon you

Chorus

I will be still, I will be still

And know, and know, and know You are God.

Bridge

Forever my refuge, forever my strength, forever my helper, forever my friend!

Pre-chorus

There is no fear, there is no fear, there is no fear, as I look upon You.

Chorus (2x)

I will be still, I will be still

And know, and know, and know You are God.

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Walk in the Light

Val Fieo

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-10

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— **3** what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. **6** If we say, "We have fellowship with him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. **7** If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say, "We have no sin," we

are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Sermon *"Walk in the Light"*
 Rev. Tim Latham

 **Hymn 405** *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Profession of Faith** (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Hymn 349** *Trust and Obey*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
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 **Postlude**