

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

Chorale

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace;

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community;

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



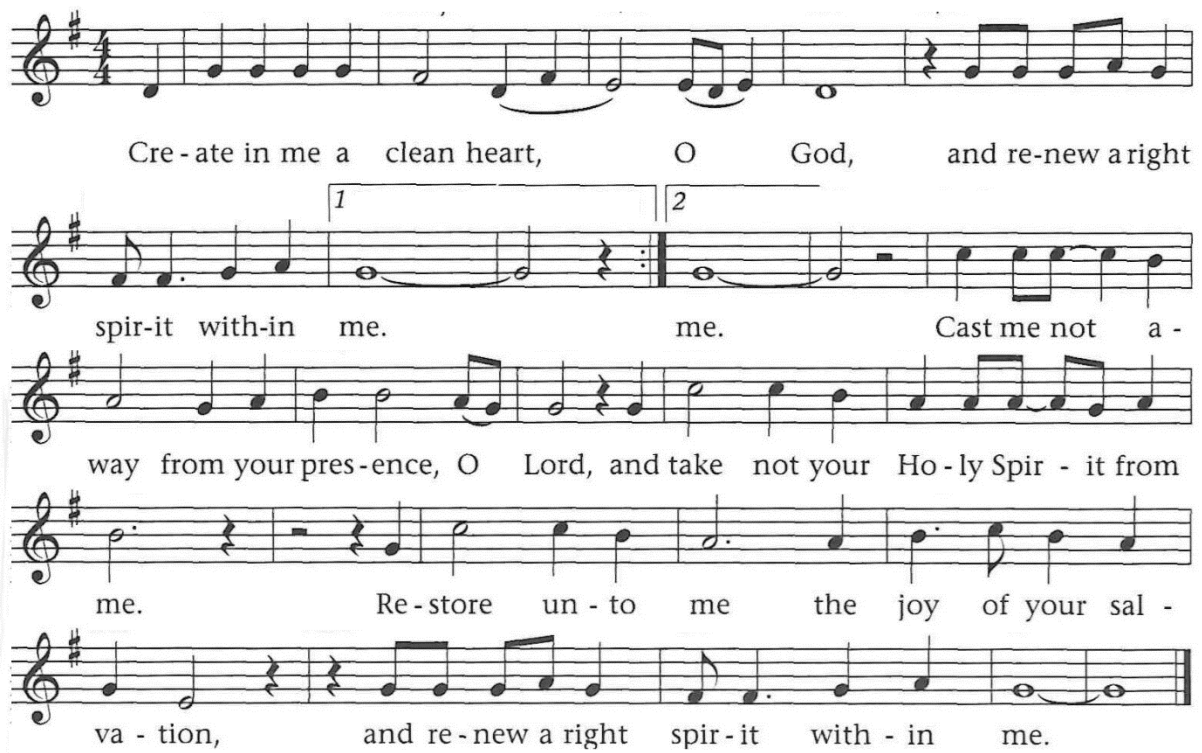
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer. For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness, for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us, for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist, for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us, we pray for the courage to admit our faults, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray...Time of silent reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this Good News. The love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

SEASONAL RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:1-11

SERMON *Well Grounded*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line of music.

Music: Harmonization from the *Revised Church Hymnary* 1927. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

This block contains the continuation of the musical score. It starts with a new line of music and continues the melody from the previous block. The lyrics are written below the staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, it is our prayer that this money, a symbol of all that we have received as a gift from you, will be used through our church community and beyond to further your never-ending project of renewal in our world. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned 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."

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Craig A. Penfield