

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Summer Series

A Firm Foundation



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says,
"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN vss 1-4 ELW 641

All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

REFRAIN **All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *REFRAIN*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *REFRAIN*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *REFRAIN*

[L.] PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

[L.] O God our rock, you offer us a covenant of mercy, and you provide the foundation of our lives.

C: Ground us in your word, and strengthen our resolve to be your disciples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

[L.] FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, ¹⁰ and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you.

¹¹ I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation.

¹³ I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth's creatures." ¹⁷ God said to

Noah, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

[L] PSALM 89:1-8, 14 *We read responsively*
THE MESSAGE

L: Your love, GOD, is my song, and I'll sing it!
I'm forever telling everyone how faithful you are.

C: **I'll never quit telling the story of your love—
how you built the cosmos and guaranteed
everything in it.**

L: Your love has always been our lives' foundation,
your fidelity has been the roof over our world.

C: **You once said, "I joined forces with my
chosen leader, I pledged my word to my
servant, David, saying,**

L: 'Everyone descending from you is guaranteed
life; I'll make your rule as solid and lasting as rock' "

C: **GOD! Let the cosmos praise your wonderful
ways, the choir of holy angels sing anthems to
your faithful ways!**

L: Search high and low, scan skies and land,
you'll find nothing and no one quite like GOD.

C: **The holy angels are in awe before him;
he looms immense and august over everyone
around him.**

L: GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, who is like you,
powerful and faithful from every angle?

C: **The Right and Justice are the roots of your
rule; Love and Truth are its fruits.**

[L] SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-15
GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

¹ As a matter of fact, my friends, I could not talk to you as I talk to people who have the Spirit; I had to talk to you as though you belonged to this world, as children in the Christian faith. ² I had to feed you milk, not solid food, because you were not ready for it. And even now you are not ready for it, ³ because you still live as the people of this world live. When there is jealousy among you and you quarrel with one another, doesn't this prove that you belong to this world, living by its standards? ⁴ When one of you says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos"—aren't you acting like worldly people? ⁵ After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? We are simply God's servants, by whom you were led to believe. Each one of us does the work which the Lord gave him to do: ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow. ⁷ The one who plants and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because he makes the plant grow. ⁸ There is no difference between the one who plants and the one who waters; God will reward each one according to the work each has done. >

⁹ For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building. ¹⁰ Using the gift that God gave me, I did the work of an expert builder and laid the foundation, and someone else is building on it. But each of you must be careful how you build. ¹¹ For God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation, and no other foundation can be laid. ¹² Some will use gold or silver or precious stones in building on the foundation; others will use wood or grass or straw. ¹³ And the quality of each person's work will be seen when the Day of Christ exposes it. For on that Day fire will reveal everyone's work; the fire will test it and show its real quality. ¹⁴ If what was built on the foundation survives the fire, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if your work is burnt up, then you will lose it; but you yourself will be saved, as if you had escaped through the fire.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

♦ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 7:24-29

C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

²⁴ "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" ²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor Vadis James*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION:

"You are invited to bring your painted rock to add to the display in the front of the sanctuary."

HYMN OF THE DAY vss 1-4 ELW 652

Built On a Rock

**1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even
when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires
in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls
of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.**

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2 Not in our temples made with hands God, the Almighty, is dwelling; high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their midst would show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.

◆ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer-cy,
Bless-ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.
Your glo-ry fills all heav'n and earth. You are ho - ly, God.
Ho - san - na in the high - - est. You are ho - ly, God.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

ELW 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *REFRAIN*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *REFRAIN*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *REFRAIN*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

C: Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 763

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

1 **My life flows on in endless song; above
earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though
far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

REFRAIN

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear
that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?** *REFRAIN*

3 **What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the
darkness gather round? Songs in the night he
giveth.** *REFRAIN*

4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing! All things are mine
since I am his! How can I keep from singing?**

REFRAIN

Ring of Bell

L DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY JUNE 21

9 am WORSHIP

10 am Coffee

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24

Summer Stretch

5:30 Grilling / Informal Worship-weather permitting

THURSDAY JUNE 24

1 pm LOVE DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 28

9 am WORSHIP

10 am Coffee

10:15 *Revelation Study*

OUTDOOR/WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

6/24 (*Weather Permitting*) Grilling at 5:30

30 min Informal worship/communion

SUMMER STRETCH

Wednesdays June 10 thru July 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

9 am-3 pm Mon July 13-Thurs July 16