

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**August 9, 2020**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

August 9, 2020

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)* (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Give thanks to the Lord!

**We will tell everyone we meet what God has done!**

Let us bring praise to the name of the Lord!

**We will honor God's holy name with shouts of joy!**

Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

**We will remember the world of wonders God has made!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

*See Insert*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

**Merciful and patient God, We confess that we still live in fear and doubt, even though we have been touched by your saving grace. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our faith and steadfast in our fight for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of inequality and violence.**

**Forgive us all the times we have left you down. Renew our lives through your mercy and grace.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsive)* (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Rest assured, God's forgiveness and saving grace are for everyone. Accept these gifts for yourselves and offer forgiveness to others in the name of Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem "Ceaseless Praise" ~ Christensen/McKibben ~

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33 (Common English Bible)

**22** Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. **23** When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. **24** Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. **25** Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed. **27** Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." **28** Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." **29** And Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. **30** But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" **31** Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind settled down. **33** Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

Sermon "LORD, Rescue Me!" ~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*The 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.**

\*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. Amen, amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*See Insert*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Please rise in body or spirit  
**Bold:** Congregation Speaks



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23**

Daily Readings for August 9 – 15 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



*Please remember Cheryl & Mike Coeyman, Betty Johnson and the Gardiner Family. Linda Gardiner, Cheryl's sister, passed away Tuesday morning. Keep this entire family in your prayers.*



**Prayer List Additions as of 8/9/2020**

*Brook Stone Living Center, Wendy Byrd, The Family of Linda Gardiner,  
Walter Sobotor (Jane's brother)*

*Please pray for the schools as the students start back for a new and much different year. Remember the administration, teachers, students, and parents during this difficult time.*

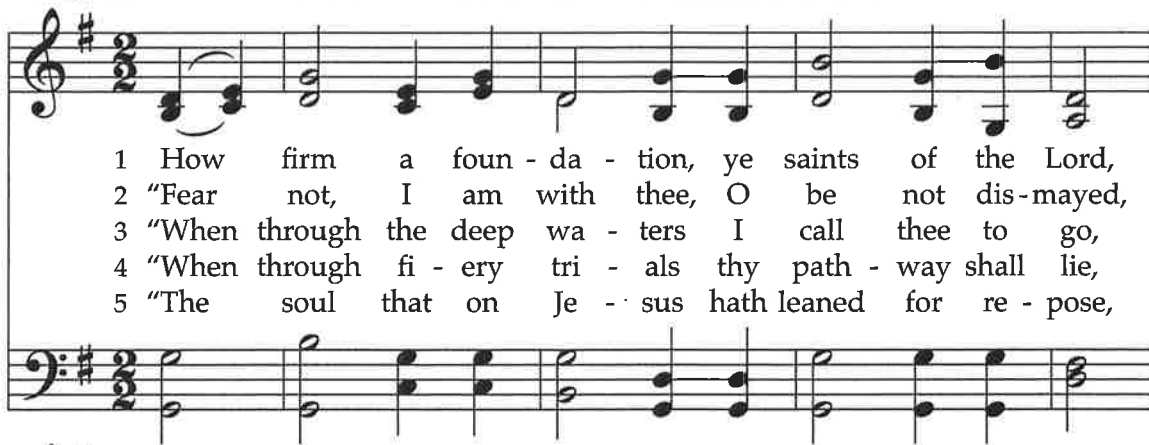
*Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!*

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

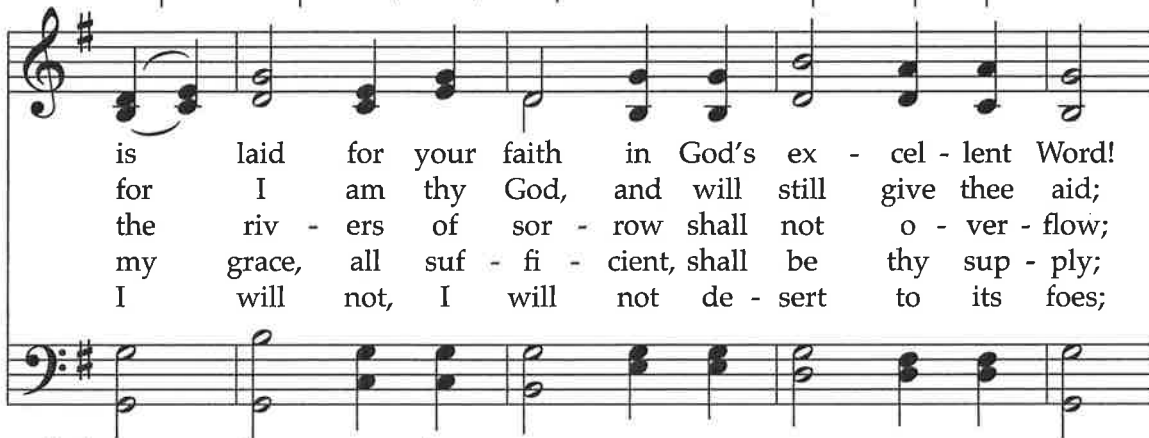
*Names will remain on this list for 3 weeks - unless the church secretary is notified otherwise*

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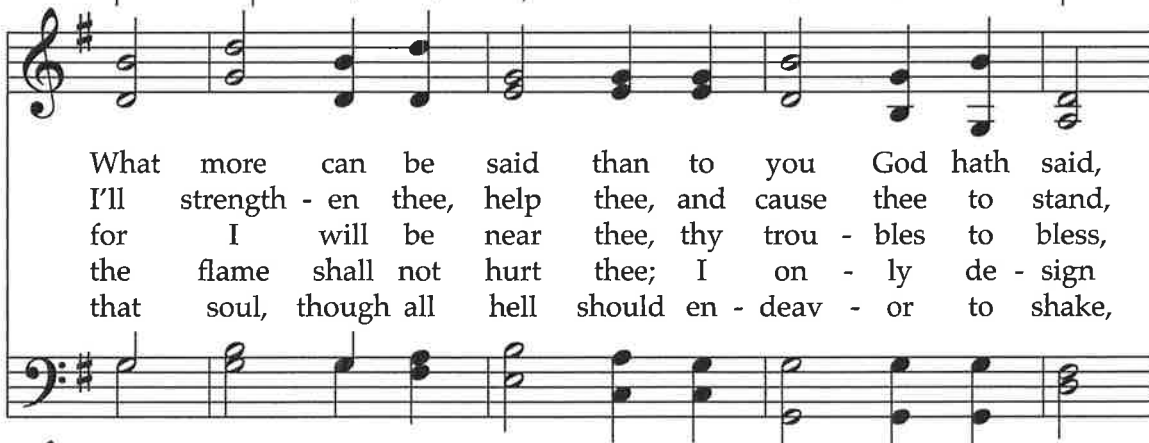
## How Firm a Foundation



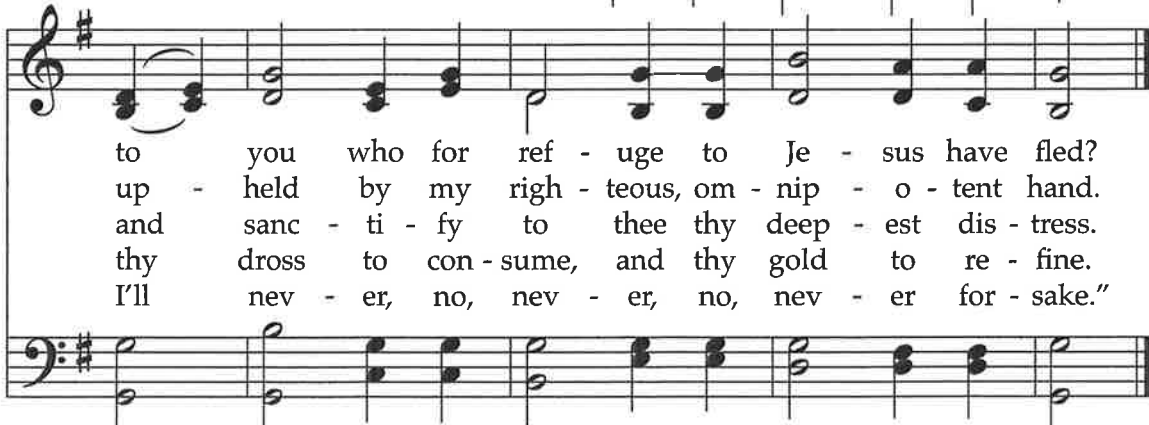
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



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;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



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  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



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.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.