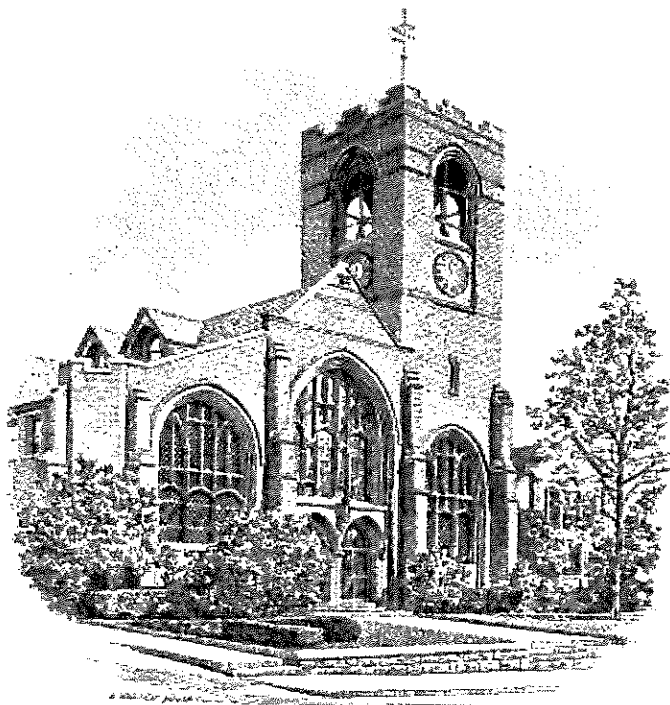


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Prelude

Variations on AURELIA
("The Church's One Foundation")

Janet Linker

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Paula Foresman, Liturgist

Liturgist: Lord, defend me because I have lived an innocent life. I have trusted the Lord and never doubted.

People: Lord, try us and test us; look closely into our hearts and minds.

Liturgist: I raise my voice in praise and tell of all the miracles you have done. I love the temple where you live, where your glory is.

People: Lord, we stand in a safe place. We praise you in the great meeting.

***Hymn**

"God Is Here!"

No. 1

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: O Great and Loving God, who has created human beings for relationship, and who enters into relationship with all your people, we give you thanks for all the people who make our lives interesting and full. Thank you for families who love us, friends who make us laugh, children who show us the delight of discovery, youth who remind us of the importance of asking questions, adults who have much wisdom to share. Teach us all to seek relationships that are healthy and show us how to reflect your love to those around us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Response

"Gloria Patri" No. 734

**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.**

Anthem

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hal H. Hopson

Sunday School Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" No. 545

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

EXTREME TEEN BIBLE - New King James Version (NKJV)

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly."

They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.

Sermon "The Unfinished Church" Reverend Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 544

***Benediction**

Response "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711, vs. 1

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Postlude Fugue in F, BuxWV 145 Dieterich Buxtehude

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace: here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship, to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts,
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each,
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore,
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely 545

Unison

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place:
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

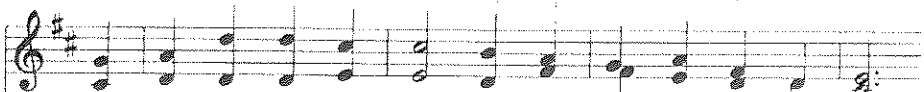
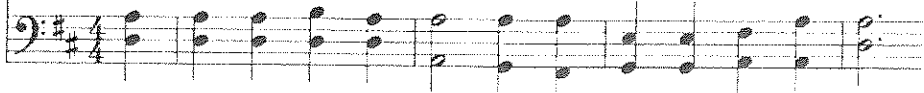
The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest:
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

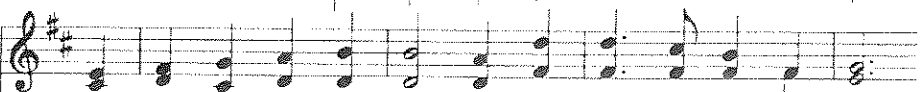
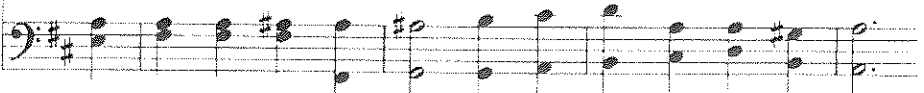
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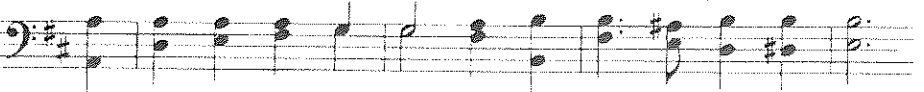
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One.



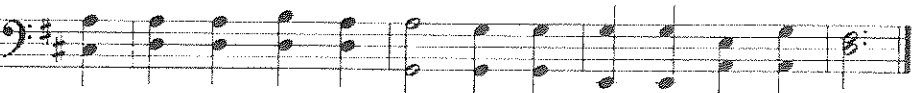
she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word;
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:



from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued,
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest,
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.



The Lead Deacon this month is Karen Slawson.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 29 th	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday School Family Fellowship Hike Attleboro Springs
Monday, 30 th	3 to 5 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday, Oct. 2 nd	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting
Thursday, 3 rd	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 34 Meeting
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 5 th	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Rehearsal
Sunday, 6 th	10:00 am	Worship / Communion <i>Neighbors in Need</i>
Wednesday, 9 th	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Team Meeting
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meetings
Thursday, 10 th	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 34 Meeting
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 12 th	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Rehearsal
	6 to 8 pm	SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC
Sunday, 13 th	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Sunday School Christian Education Committee Meeting
Monday, 14 th		Columbus Day – Office is closed
Tuesday, 15 th	7:00 pm	Administration Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 16 th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting
Thursday, 17 th	5:00 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 34 Meeting
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal

All Church Dinner! The Board of Deacons will present an All-Church Dinner on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 5:00pm. Roast chicken, mashed potatoes and a vegetarian option will be served. Cost will be \$10/person. Please RSVP, in person to Ralph or at ralphgiannetti@gmail.com. Come for a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

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