

* **Sending Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation*

Song sheet

* **Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request.

The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year B for the Third Sunday after Easter,
April 21: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8.

Lectionary Year B for the Fourth Sunday after Easter,
April 28: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8.



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in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.
We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
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Third Sunday after Easter,
Youth Sunday

April 21, 2024 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music Jared Gill, violin

* Call to Worship

One: No one can lay any foundation other than that
already laid, which is Jesus Christ,
for as it states in Scripture:

**All: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, rejected
by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame."**

One: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals
yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like
living stones, let yourselves be built into a
spiritual house.

**All: We are no longer foreigners and aliens,
but fellow citizens with God's people and
members of God's household, built on the
foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
In him the whole building is joined together
and rises to become a holy temple of the Lord.**

***Opening Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Song sheet

Grant Smith, clarinet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we admit that we have not always built up your foundation in a way that authentically reflects the goodness of your dwelling place. We have sometimes even been the cause of its ruin. Forgive us, Lord. Protect our work, and grant us a fresh chance to work for unity. Create in us an ardent longing to live as your disciples and empower us to be restorers of the breach, builders of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

Sung Response *Glory to God,* Song sheet
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *Psalms 25*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Keegan Mendenhall

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 7:24-29*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message Naomi Church, Andrew Long

Words for Reflection *What a Strong Foundation*
- Gary James Smith

What a strong foundation to keep our souls at ease: the everlasting Word of God, the Bible if you please! For all those "yeas" and "amens" solidify our faith, for we believe every Word written of the Lord's ... "Thus saith."

And present with his Word ... amen! we have unconditional love, the very Presence of our God who watches from above. When sin comes to mess us up, and leave us in turmoil, our Holy Spirit Comforter protects us from its spoil.

For instruction from the Word directs us in our thought. We are motivated by its power to erase what sin had sought. O, that blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from sin! It still has forgiveness power to walk again with him!

And in the Light of his Presence, our hearts continue in song:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
It's melody all day long.
High and Holy, lifted up
our glorious God most High,
we praise you for your Word, O Lord
may your name be magnified!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued work of our congregation. Please consider mailing gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>

Offertory

* **Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**