



"MY GOD IS A ROCK: THE SOLID ROCK"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Christ the Cornerstone

Price

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Harmony UMC Choir

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Meghan Walker

I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my solid rock, my fortress, my rescuer.

My God is my rock— I take refuge in him!— he's my shield, my salvation's strength, my place of safety.

You are the one who saves people who suffer and brings down those with proud eyes.

You are the one who lights my lamp— the Lord my God illumines my darkness. With you I can charge into battle; with my God I can leap over a wall.

God! His way is perfect; the Lord's word is tried and true. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

The Lord lives! Bless God, my rock! Let the God of my salvation be lifted high!

God, there is you, and there is everything else. Nothing compares to you. No one comes close. In agreement with David, we say with confidence and praise, "With you we can meet any challenge and overcome any obstacle." As you were for David then, be for us today a solid rock, a safe fortress, a strong rescuer. For this, we worship you—the living, saving God who rules over all. In the name of Jesus we pray and come before you in worship. Amen.

Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

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Confession and Assurance

Pastor Debra

Each week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray, first in silence.

Prayer of Confession

All Praying

Pastor Debra

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Know this:

The cup of grace is extended to us
already and always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen!

The Peace of Christ

Meghan Walker

Ministry of Music

Come As a Child

Choir

Old Testament Scripture

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

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“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;

let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

² May my teaching drop like the rain,

my speech condense like the dew,

like gentle rain on grass,

like showers on new growth.

³ For I will proclaim the name of the LORD,

ascribe greatness to our God!

⁴ The Rock, his work is perfect,

and all his ways are just.

New Testament Scripture
The Wise and Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24:29

Meghan Walker

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Sung Response

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (Refrain)

*Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.*

Sermon

THE Solid Rock

Pastor Debra

Affirmation of Faith *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada* UMH 883
We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Preparation for Prayer

Lead Me, Guide Me

FWS 2214

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Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

O Lord, our Rock, we stand upon you alone, and upon no other. Build our faith into a house made of living stones. We offer these prayers of compassion for our families and friends. Teach us anew that the foundation of life is love for you and for neighbor. We pray for the community in which we live and work and learn. Offer us, O God, at least one clear opportunity to be of service to someone in need. Hear our prayers for those who are ill and who struggle to recover health and wholeness. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us, today. In Christ the solid rock we pray. Amen.

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 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 and Doxology

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Meghan Walker

Doxology is Sung

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Meghan Walker

Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessing for us. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH 580

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Sung Response

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*Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.*

Postlude

Come With Rejoicing

Morrison

MY HOPE IS BUILT

Refrain:

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

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.*

(Refrain)

*3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

(Refrain)

*4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!*

(Refrain)

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

*Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.*