May 10, 2020 (Zoom on-line worship service)

PRELUDE
“CWM RHONDDA”  J. BERT CARLSON
ORGANIST: LINDA COX

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP  Elizabeth Komara
Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”
We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.
Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.
Jesus says, “Where I am, there you may be also.”
We come to encounter Christ. Let us worship our God!

HYMN  “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”
Text and music: Geron Davis, 1983

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us
apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget we bear the mark
of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives.
Wash us again with your grace and transform us by your Word, that
we might proclaim your good news in word and deed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S TIME
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 1-14

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going.'
How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

RESPONSE
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. Thanks be to God.

SERMON
“Building the Church with Living Stones”

EUCHARIST

Great Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer
COMMUNION HYMN     “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Music:  Day’s Psalter, 1562,  Text:  James Montgomery, 1825

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.
Here, share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

Breaking of the Bread
Leader:  On the night he would be betrayed, Christ at a meal with friends and he took bread and after thanking God for it broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
All:  “Take, eat.  This is my body broken for you.  Do this in remembrance of me.”
Leader:  And in the same way, Christ took the cup and said,
All:  “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins.  Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”
COMMUNION HYMN  “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958,
Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 2005

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you, do not fear!”

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

MISSION SPOTLIGHT  Bread for the World  Beth Newell

HYMN  “The Church’s One Foundation”

Music: William Knapp, 1738
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1969

The church’s one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation, by water and the Word;
from heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder, this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CHARGE AND BLESSING
Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us.
May the love of the holy triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – abide with you forever. Alleluia!
POSTLUDE  “Church’s One Foundation”

PIANO ARRANGEMENT: ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN,

TEXT: FRED PRATT GREEN, 1969

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION IS JESUS CHRIST HER LORD;
SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION, BY WATER AND THE WORD;
FROM HEAVEN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER TO BE HIS HOLY BRIDE;
WITH HIS OWN BLOOD HE BOUGHT HER, AND FOR HER LIFE HE DIED.

ELECT FROM EVERY NATION, YET ONE O’ER ALL THE EARTH,
HER CHARTER OF SALVATION, ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BIRTH;
ONE HOLY NAME SHE BLESSES, PARTAKES ONE HOLY FOOD,
AND TO ONE HOPE SHE PRESSES, WITH EVERY GRACE ENDUED.

THOUGH WITH A SCORNFUL WONDER, THIS WORLD SEES HER OPPRESSED,
BY SCHISMS RENT ASUNDER, BY HERESIES DISTRESSED,
YET SAINTS THEIR WATCH ARE KEEPING, THEIR CRY GOES UP, "HOW LONG?"
AND SOON THE NIGHT OF WEEPING SHALL BE THE MORN OF SONG.

' MID TOIL AND TRIBULATION, AND TUMULT OF HER WAR,
SHE WAITS THE CONSUMMATION OF PEACE FOR EVERMORE;
TILL WITH THE VISION GLORIOUS HER LONGING EYES ARE BLEST,
AND THE GREAT CHURCH VICTORIOUS SHALL BE THE CHURCH AT REST.

YET SHE ON EARTH HAS UNION WITH GOD, THE THREE IN ONE,
AND MYSTIC SWEET COMMUNION WITH THOSE WHOSE REST IS WON.
O HAPPY ONES AND HOLY! LORD, GIVE US GRACE THAT WE,
LIKE THEM, THE MEEK AND LOWLY, MAY LIVE ETERNALLY.