



CHRIST CHURCH CONWAY

Prelude - How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
 is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2. In every condition, in sickness, in health;
 in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
 at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
 thy days may demand, shall my strength ever be.

3. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Praise

Call to Worship - Psalm 89.1-4

- [1] I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- [2] For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
 in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
- [3] You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
 I have sworn to David my servant:
- [4] 'I will establish your offspring forever,
 and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah (ESV)

Invocation

Affirmation of Faith - 1 Corinthians 15.3-6

Minister: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.

Hymn of Praise - Your Word

By Sarah Jo Wright

1. Your glory is told by the heavens
 Your work proclaimed by the skies
 They have no speech, no mouth for words
 But their voice pours out through all the earth
 Their voice pours out through all the earth

2. Rays reach out from the morning
 With colors of your promise
 Chase out the darkness and bring in the light
 Your faithfulness endures the night
 Your faithfulness endures the night

*(Chorus) By Your word creation was formed
 You breathe, I live
 Through your word now I am restored
 You breathe, and my heart comes to life*

3. The way of the Lord is perfection
 Your truth is my delight
 Lifting my eyes from the dust where I've come
 To the glorious thread of your kingdom
 The glorious thread of your kingdom
(Chorus)

The universe sings for you
 Your law has paved the way
 The word made flesh makes all things new

Jesus Christ be praised
 Jesus Christ be praised
 Jesus Christ be praised
(Chorus 2x)

You breathe, I live
 You breathe, and my heart comes to life

Confession

Scriptural Warning - Hebrews 2.1-4

[1] Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. [2] For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, [4] while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Way of Salvation - Hebrews 2.14-15

[14] Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (ESV)

Confession of Sin - Book of Common Prayer First Advent Collect

Congregation: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10.11-14

[11] And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, [13] waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. [14] For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Exhortation to Holiness - Hebrews 10.19-22

[19] Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light my strength my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My comforter, my all in all;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;

'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His, and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns, or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [Isaiah 55.6-11](#)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon - [Mark 4.1-34](#)

The Parables of the Kingdom - The Sower (pt. 5)

Reception of New Members

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Lord's Supper

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints thou art.
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear.
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
Glad tidings of a birth;
Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth.

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, shepherd, friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall.
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Communion Doxology

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For the cup of grace, we give thanks to Christ our Lord
For the bread of life, His sacrifice of love outpoured
One holy body given, for all who come in faith
Cleansed from all our sins, we glorify his name. A-men.

Response

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction - Hebrews 13.20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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