



A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

PROVERBS 17:17

We gather to worship Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.

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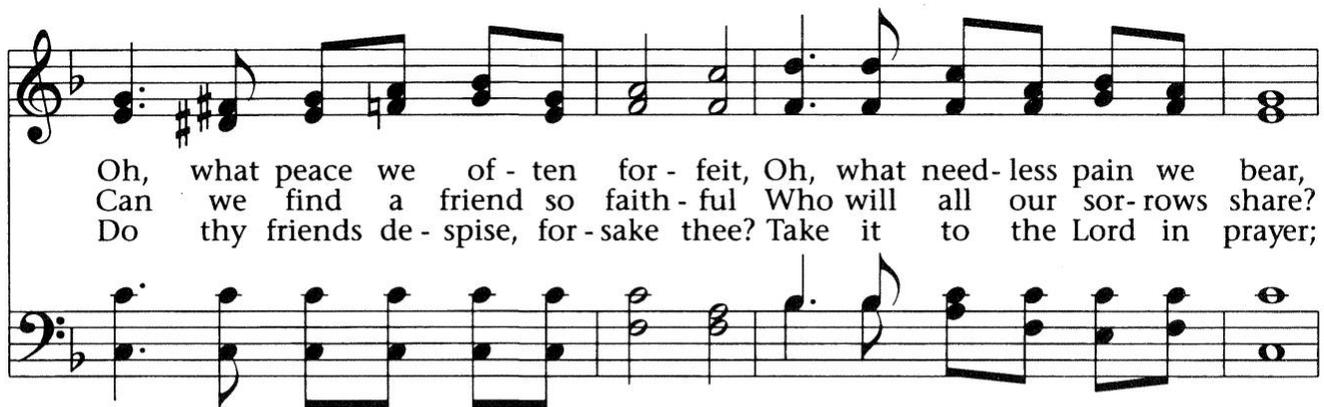
Preparation Hymn: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



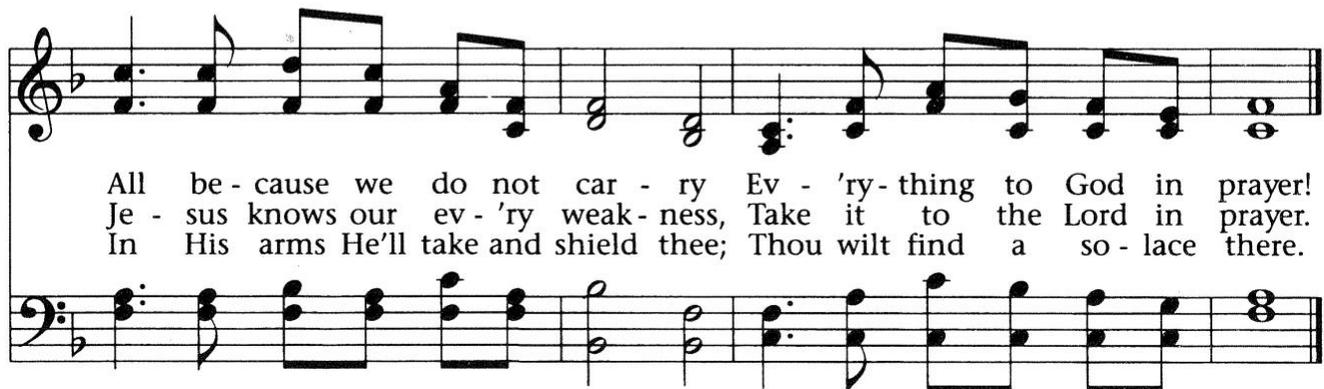
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer:
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer:



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a so - lace there.

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

PROVERBS 25:14

Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

An Explanation of the Apostles' Creed

From as early as the second century, Christians used statements of faith, like the Apostles' Creed, to publicly declare their faith in Christ. Usually these statements were made prior to their public declaration of the faith at baptism. Although these earliest statements were found primarily in Rome, the Apostles' Creed has become a useful tool to teach believers throughout the world and throughout the centuries.

HERE IS LOVE

1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the flood,
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains op - ened deep and wide;
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.
 4. That same love be - yond all mea - sure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,
 5. Here is love vast as the hea - vens; count - less as the stars a - bove

when the Prince of life, our ran - som shed for us His pre - cious blood.
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves.
 lives and reigns in res - ur - rect - ion and can ne - ver die a - gain.
 are the souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, trea - sured sons.

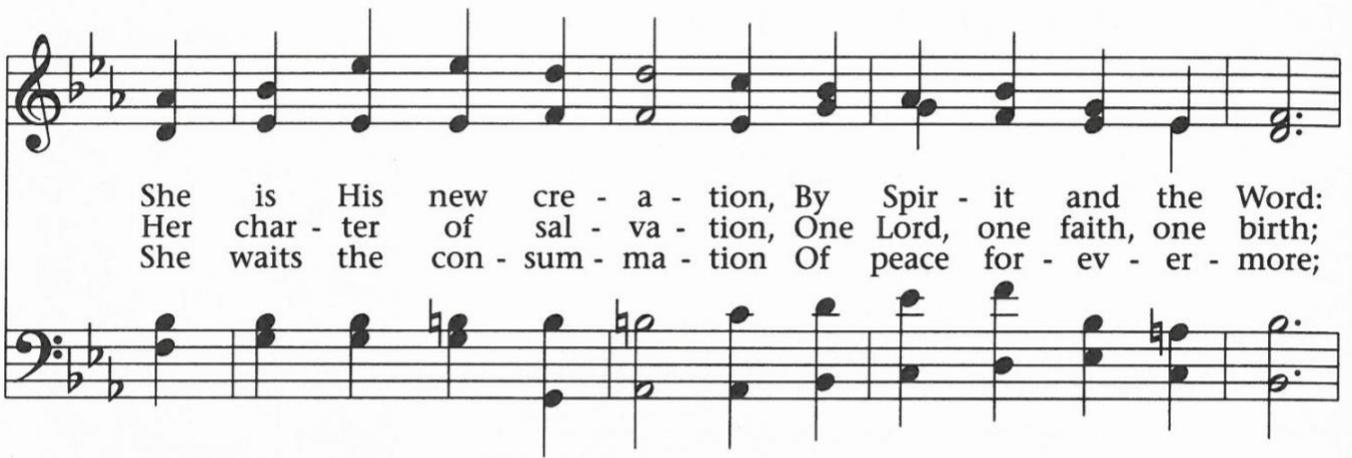
Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?
 Grace and love, like migh - ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His e - ver - las - ting light;
 Here is love for all the a - ges, ra - diant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
 We are called to feast for - e - ver on a love be - yond our time.

He can ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 hea - ven's peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guil - ty world in love.
 per - fect love in glo - rious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hel - lish night.
 cal - ling home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.
 Glo - rious Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit now with man are in - ter - twined.

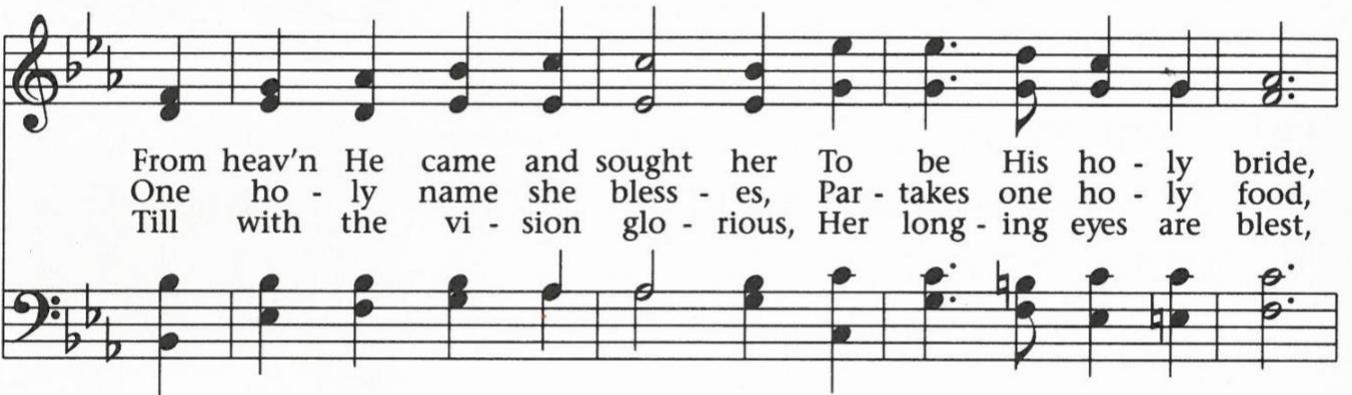
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



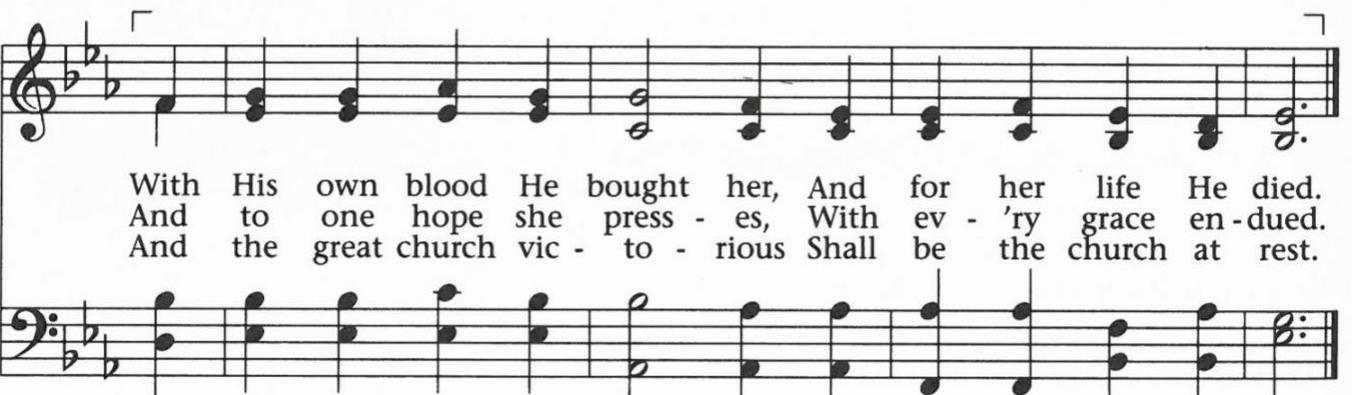
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,



She is His new cre - a - tion, By Spir - it and the Word:
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride,
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

SCRIPTURE READING

SELECTIONS FROM PROVERBS

10:7 The memory of the righteous is a blessing,
but the name of the wicked will rot.

11:17 A man who is kind benefits himself,
but a cruel man hurts himself.

12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.

13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is
than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

16:28 A dishonest man spreads strife,
and a whisperer separates close friends.

17:17 A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

18:1 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.

18:8 The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.

18:19 A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city,
and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.

18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

19:6 Many seek the favor of a generous man,
and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

19:22 What is desired in a man is steadfast love,
and a poor man is better than a liar.

20:5-6 The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water,
but a man of understanding will draw it out.
Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love,
but a faithful man who can find?

22:24-25 Make no friendship with a man given to anger,
nor go with a wrathful man,
lest you learn his ways
and entangle yourself in a snare.

25:14 Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

25:17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,
lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

27:5-6 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

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27:9-10 Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.
Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend,
and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity.
Better is a neighbor who is near
than a brother who is far away.

27:14 Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.

27:17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.

28:23 Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
than he who flatters with his tongue.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 PETER 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, There is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SERMON | DAVID FULLERTON

**TO KNOW WISDOM:
WISDOM AND FRIENDSHIP**

SELECTIONS FROM PROVERBS

JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

1. Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find,

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.
Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Baptism is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

Discipleship is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

Membership is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

Service to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (available in the pews or by scanning the QR code below).

VISITORS & GUESTS

Welcome! If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally. You can also complete a **Connect Card** by scanning this QR code to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



Families with Children We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12, and childcare for infants to Pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Adult Sunday School Class *Sundays, 9:30am, Multi-Purpose Room*

Join us for our Adult Sunday School Class on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians.

Sunday Night Prayer Meetings *2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall*

Join us TONIGHT at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall for prayer and worship.

FBC Members' Meeting *Sunday, March 19, 5:30pm*

FBC Members – please join us for our next Members' Meeting on Sunday, March 19.

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Wednesday
Zoom Prayer
6:30pm

