

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 15, 2025 . 12:00 PM

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

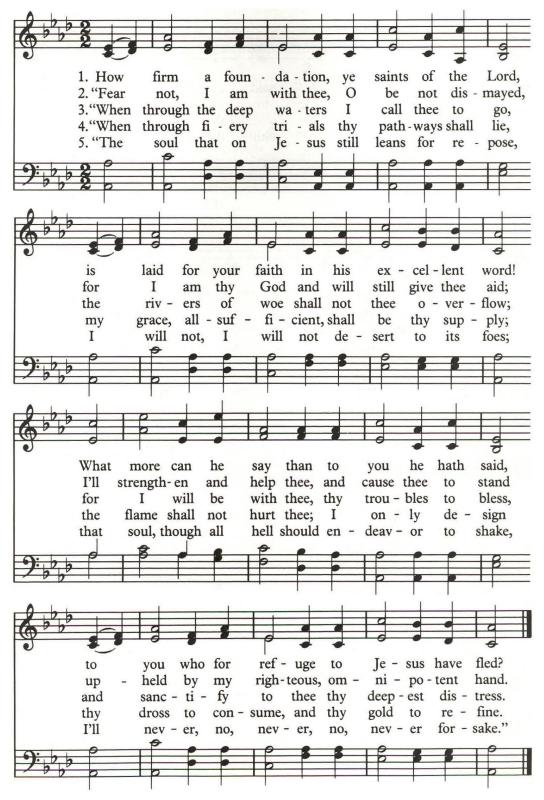
### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

- *Minister*: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:
  - *People*: I will be with you.
- *Minister*: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:
  - *People*: I will be with you.
- *Minister*: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:
  - *People*: I will be with you.
- *Minister*: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.
  - *People*: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

## HYMN 529 \*

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation



"K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

*Minister*: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

People: Loving God, Creator of all things, we gather amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love and strengthen us to proclaim your hope throughout the world. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- *Minister*: Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- *People*: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE LESSON	Isaiah 43:1-7
	† following the reading
Minister:	This is the Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God!

#### SERMON

God's Faithful Presence

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming Harmonization: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.

William Green, tenor

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Faithfulness



Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

## BLESSING \*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

Preaching:Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, Associate MinisterMusic:Jonathan Easter, Guest Organist

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