

**First Presbyterian Church**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020*

**Prelude**

*“Is He Worthy”*

Peterson/Shrive

**Welcome and Announcements**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**#361 (PH)**

*“God’s solid foundation stands firm; the Lord knows those who are his.” (1 Timothy 2:19)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

**Psalm 31**

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

**Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.**

Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

**Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Since you are my rock and my fortress,

**lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Let your face shine upon your servant.

**Save me in your unfailing love!**

*Be Still My Soul*

von Schlegel

**Prayer of Adoration:** O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone.

Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love.

We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ.

We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today... may our minds, hearts, and souls be still. Amen.

**Call to Confession and Prayer**

Dear God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, sometimes fear is an idol that we believe will help us control our lives. Sometimes fear is a companion that we let take the place of You. Sometimes fear is the enemy that tells us You are not greater. Forgive us when we let our fear be larger than our faith, and when we forget that you are a faithful God. From whatever stress and difficulties we come, help us look again at the many ways you bless and care for us. In the same way you stretch out your hand to take ahold of ours, help us to be a people who reach out to others in loving compassion. Hear now our failures of you, and each other...

Friends, believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, our faithful Redeemer, we are forgiven! Amen!**

**Prayer of Illumination:** Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

**Acts 7:59-60**

**1 Peter 2:6-8**

**John 14:1-6, 11-14**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

**“Like My Mama Used to Say”**

Rev. Chan Willis

**We Believe...**

*“One Solitary Life”*

Words below

**Dedication of Our Offerings**

**Song of Dedication and Preparation**

*“You Are My Hiding Place”*

**#2055 (STF)**

**Sharing of Prayer Concerns and “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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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”**

*Lean on Me*

Withers

**+ Charge and Benediction**

*God Be With You Til We Meet Again (verse 3 only)*

**+ Postlude**

**Hymn Lyrics**

**Is He Worthy**

(v. 1) Do you feel the world is broken... We do  
Do you feel the shadows deepen... We do  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light from getting through... We do  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new... We do

(v. 2) Is all creation groaning... It is. Is a new creation coming... It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst... It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this... It is  
(Chorus 1) Is anyone worthy ... Is anyone whole  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy... Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory. Is He worthy of this... He is

(v. 3) Does the Father truly love us... He does  
Does the Spirit move among us... He does  
And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves... He does  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us... He does

(Chorus 2) Is anyone worthy Is anyone whole  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy... Is He worthy...Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy... Is He worthy  
Is He worthy of this...He is!  
Is He worthy Is He worthy He is! He is!

### **How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word  
What more can be said than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

"Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee help thee And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be near thee in trouble to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress:

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake”

### **Be Still My Soul**

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

### **Lean On Me**

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise We know that there's always tomorrow

**(Chorus 1) Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on**

Please swallow your pride If I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs That you won't let show

**(Chorus 2) You just call on me brother, when you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand  
We all need somebody to lean on**

**(Chorus 1)**

**(Chorus 2)**

If there is a load you have to bear That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road I'll share your load  
If you just call me (call me)... If you need a friend (call me)

*"One Solitary Life"*

**(James Allen Francis)**

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant.  
He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop  
until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family  
or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city.  
He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the  
things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him.  
His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and  
went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross  
between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled  
for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead,  
he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today  
he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched,  
all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat,  
all the kings that ever reigned--put together--have not affected the life of man  
on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

As we consider the value and impact of our own lives,  
let us remember the impact of that one single life of Jesus Christ.