

"How Firm a Foundation"

Matthew 7:24-27

Saturday, March 2 & Sunday, March 3, 2019 5:30 PM & 9 AM

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church Saturday, March 2 & Sunday, March 3, 2019 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

### Thought for Today

"Hold fast to what is good...because you never know what's going to hit the fan"

- Beth Merrill Neel

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Mission of the Month Hope for Ariang

\*Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation (#544)

\*Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 31)

Leader: I come to You, O Lord, for protection; never let me be defeated.

**People:** You are God, who always does what is right. Leader: Turn Your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

People: Be my rock of refuge to protect me and my defense to save me.

Leader: You are my rock and my fortress.

People: Lead and guide me as You have promised.

Leader: Keep me safe from the traps that have been set for me. Shelter me from

danger.

People: Into your hands I commit my very life. You and You alone are faithful, O

God.

## \*Unison Prayer:

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before You on this day, to align our lives to Your teaching and to the life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. We come to You, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. Guide us and give us direction through the whispers of Your Holy Spirit, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Greeting & Announcements** 

Prayers of the People

#### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Time of Song

When Peace Like a River (#428)
"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" by Hillsong United

[Verse 1]

You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep My faith will stand

[Verse 2]

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand Will be my guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start now

**CHORUS** 

[Chorus]

I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace For Lam Yours and You are mine

[Bridge]

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior

**CHORUS** 

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27(GNT) (p. 988)

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"How Firm a Foundation"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Closing Hymn

**How Firm a Foundation (#411)** 

\*Blessing

**Postlude** 

Worship Assistant: Elizabeth Chapman/Kim Buchanan

\*Please stand as you are able

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