



HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

MATTHEW 7:24-27

“How Firm a Foundation”

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Sunday, March 3, 2019

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

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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

*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

If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center for a special gift as you leave the sanctuary. Look for the orange “Connect” banner.

Mission of the Month

Hope for Ariang

Baptisms

Reaghan Donna Honick

Ryleigh Nicole Honick

Hymn of Prayer

When Peace Like a River (#428)

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.

Invitation To Give

You can give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Offertory

"Near the Cross" arr. by Mary Kay Parrish
Bell Choir

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

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.

Choir Anthem

"From Earth to Heaven" by Craig Courtney

Message

"How Firm a Foundation" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation (#411)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistants: Ben Hahn, Rev. Cindy Mapstone & Rev. Alan Rudnick

*Please stand as you are able

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Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister
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