

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
**Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon on the Mount**

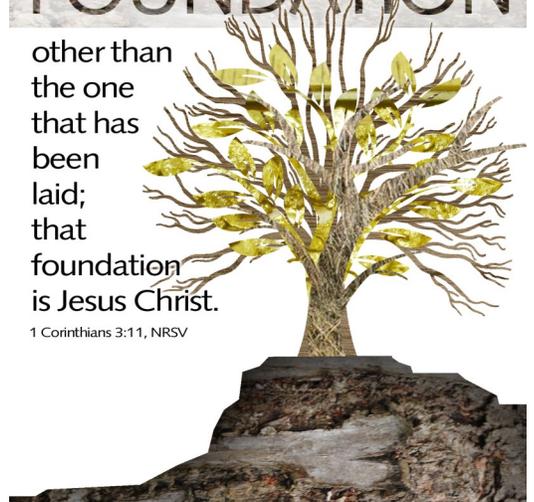
*In this service for October 25, 2020, we recognize that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in His teachings that the only solid foundation is himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.*

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**FOUNDATION**

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1 Corinthians 3:11, NRSV



Prelude

Variations on *Nicaea*

*Piet Post*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Solid Rock*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 7: 24-27

*NRSV*

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

Children’s Message

Musical Selection

Zion’s Walls

*Aaron Copland*

*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come, join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don’t you fell determined to meet within the walls of Zion, we’ll shout and go round the walls of Zion.*

Patrick Fisk, tenor

Reading from Scripture

I Corinthians 3: 10-15

*NRSV*

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Sermon	“Building on Solid Foundations”	Rev. Scott G. Loomer
Musical Selection	The Lord is my Light	Frances Allitsen
	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then, shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me. And set me up upon a rock of stone.</i>	
	Patrick Fisk, tenor	
Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People		
Benediction and Blessing		
Postlude	Trumpet Tune	Christopher Tambling

### Understandings for Public Worship

*Covenant is glad you feel comfortable to join us for public worship today.*

We need not tell you these are unusual and apprehensive times we are living in these days. Covenant is working to make this public gathering as safe as possible, which is why we ask the following of you:

**\*Please wear facemasks at ALL times—while entering and exiting the sanctuary, as well as during the service of worship.**

\*Know that the building beyond the sanctuary is closed to us. The only available restroom is in the Ambulatory.

\*Your Tithes and Offerings may be contributed at the stationary boxes near each entrance.

\*For the time being, we will NOT be standing or singing hymns in the service.

Covenant appreciates that you take all items you brought with you when you depart and prays that this and future experiences of worship, while awkward, may still be meaningful.

\*Adult Education classes will meet in the Covenant room at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday morning.

Monday School meets each week at 6:30 P.M. in the Covenant room.

\*Godly play (children age 4 through 2nd grade), Kidz Time (3rd—6th grade) and Teen Talk (7th—12th grade) will meet in the Sawtelle Auditorium, Covenant room and Room 8 each Sunday after the Children’s Message during worship.