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Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Call to Worship

Carlos Browne

If life was a home, then we would pray—
may love be the foundation.
May God be the cornerstone.
May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.
And may hope be the walls—holding us together.
In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.
We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.
Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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Advent Candle Lighting

Remelgado Family

Call to Confession

Unison Confession

Holy God, when John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that You do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as You open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness You have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Hymn

Make of My Heart a Stable

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Affirmation of Faith (Excerpt from *Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Hymn

Zechariah's Lullaby

Scripture

Luke 1:57-807

Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon

Pastor Erin

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving w/Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn

Blest Be The Tie that Binds

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Offering

Invitation

Offertory Song

*Doxology

We lift our voices,

we lift our hands,

we lift our lives up to You;

We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices;

Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives, they are Yours;

We are an offering.

All that we have,

All that we are,

All that we hope to be,

we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices,
 We lift our hands,
 we lift our lives up to You;
 We are an offering, we are an offering.

Dedication

Blessing

Make Of My Heart A Stable

♩ = 106

Amanda Udis-Kessler

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 106 beats per minute. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-7) is a piano introduction with a treble and bass clef. The second system (measures 8-13) includes a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 14-17) continues the piano accompaniment and includes a final vocal line.

System 1 (Measures 1-7):

- Chords: C, Am, F2, C, Dm, Em, Am7, F2, G

System 2 (Measures 8-13):

- Chords: C, C, Am, F2, C, Dm
- Lyrics:

Make of my heart a	sta - ble,	a house for the	Ho - ly,	a warm and stur - dy
Make of my life a	sta - ble,	a house for the	Ho - ly,	a warm and stur - dy
Make of our church a	sta - ble,	a house for the	Ho - ly,	a warm and stur - dy

System 3 (Measures 14-17):

- Chords: Em, Am7, F2, G, C
- Lyrics:

place	for	hope/peace/joy/love	to	live	and	grow.
place	for	hope/peace/joy/love	to	live	and	grow.
place	for	hope/peace/joy/love	to	live	and	grow.

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Zechariah's Lullaby

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1895)

When old Zech - a - ri - ah held his ba - by
 "And you child will be called a pro - phet of
 We lay a foun - da - tion for what is to

son Christ He blessed him and dreamed of what
 be To Not bring hope to hearts and what
 be Not know - ing yet pray - ing for

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he would be - come As ba - by John rocked in the
sha - dows the light see For God has sent vis - ions of
what we can't see We trust in God's i - mag - in -

tem - ple that morn This song Zech - a -
what you will do build A From dream to pro -
a - tion to build From blue - prints and

- ri - ah sang for his new - born
- claim and a world to yet re - new"
hope for a dream yet ful - filled

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Artist Statement

Berakah

by Hannah Garrity

inspired by Luke 1:57-80

In this image, Zechariah holds his baby boy. He speaks a blessing, a berakah.¹ For his neighbors, he answers the question, “What then will this child become?” (v. 66). The intimate love of a father with his newborn son is captured in this pose. Patterns of water pour over John’s little shirt. Zechariah sees what his son will become and begins to speak his future into being from the start. As dawn breaks over Zechariah’s shoulder, his prophecy foretells God coming into the world—of light dawning in weary spaces.

Zechariah relents. God has made Her statement. He could not speak until he de-centered himself from the story. He gives the name that Elizabeth has been called to give. Zechariah’s willingness to hear the call is the action in this moment. Traditionally, he would give his first born son his own name. His neighbors are shocked by the name he chooses to give, by the prophecy, by his being able to speak again. By removing his own personal and family legacy from the picture, he is truly able to give way to the greater narrative that God is calling him to participate in.

This is an incredible moment of humility. As I created this image, I asked God’s help in identifying where I can step out of the way to forward Her vision for this weary world. She knows. Her work is greater than my legacy.