



"Our Lady of the Rocks" by Inna Savenko

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
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THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

August 18, 2024

PRELUDE

Glorious Things
Lisa Forte, piano

Arr. Christine Sullivan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 18)*

In the midst of my distress I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my stronghold in the storm.

Though the earth may reel and rock, though the mountains may tremble and quake,

The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my stronghold in the storm.

Even in his holy temple, God could hear my voice; my cries reached God's ears.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my stronghold in the storm.

God reached down from on high, and took me in; the Lord drew me out of mighty waters.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my stronghold in the storm.

Blessed be my rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted!

For the Lord is my rock and my fortress, my stronghold in the storm!

*THE PEACE The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

O Lord, we confess that our houses are built on sand. We trust in human rulers, human strategies, and human nature, though we know we should be trusting in your Word.

We store up treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, though we know we should be storing up treasures in heaven.

Forgive us, Lord, for our foolish ways.

Guide our steps to firmer ground, so that the lives we build may be grounded on the solid rock of your promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#581) *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Rev. Claunch

Gracious God, our Rock and our Redeemer, as your Word is read and proclaimed, guide our steps to the solid rock of your teaching, so that we may truly hear your voice today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 46

OT, page 517-518

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 7:21-29

NT, page 7

SERMON

"Founded on the Rock"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #353 (verse 2)

***When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Claunch

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

The Solid Rock
Lisa Forte, organ

Arr. Robert Powell

*DOXOLOGY #607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #321

"The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 4 and 5)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*POSTLUDE

Postlude Maestoso
Lisa Forte, organ

Charles Vincent

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!

- Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.



Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342 or scan the QR code.

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00 pm Session (Library)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)



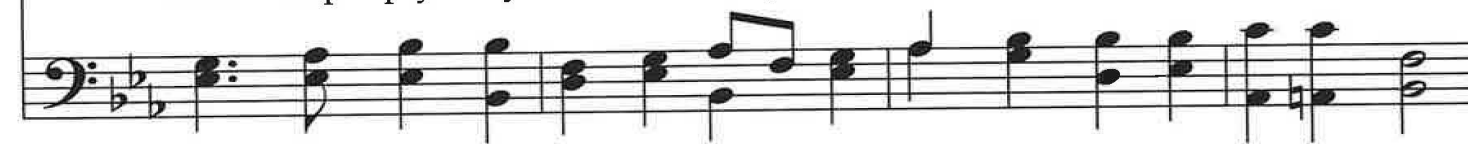
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



- 1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
- 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
- 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.