

## Closing Worship – PSEC Fall Mtg – November 10, 2018

Choral Call to Worship      The Falkner Swamp Men's Chorus

*Please stand as you are able*

Call to Worship

L: What then is Apollos? What is Paul?

**P: Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.**

L: Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

**P: So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.**

Opening Hymn      "How Firm a Foundation"      New Century Hymnal 407

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Too often we show partiality in our spiritual lives.

**P: We need to see everyone as children of God.**

L: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Holy and merciful God, as followers of Jesus, You have called us to follow Him. Forgive us when we ignore Your mission, choosing to favor people or ideas or practices that do not conform to Your needs. Forgive us if we judge people based on their appearance. Forgive us if we dismiss those who seem weaker or less important than us. Forgive our inability to see Your flame kindled in the spirit of every person. We offer our own confessions to You in our silence.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession*

L: Listen to the Good News – God has heard each one of us, and if we have been honest in our confession, God will forgive us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: As forgiven people, we also need to forgive each other.**

L: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

*Please be seated.*

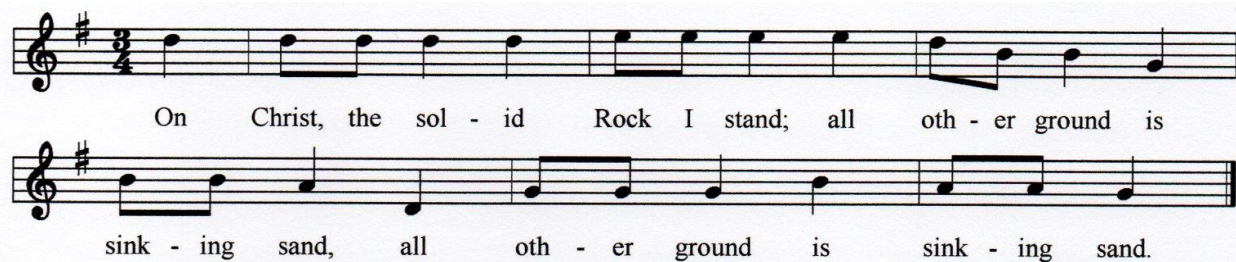
### The Eucharist

L: The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. We have all been called by God to use our spiritual gifts

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for the building up of the Church. We have all been called to the table and the font, given by grace to each person for the building up of their spirit.

**P: For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.**



L: According to the grace of God given to us, like skilled master builders, those who came before us have laid foundations, and others have built on those foundations. Some have planted while others have watered, and still others have reaped. The cycle of creation and growth is alive in the midst of us – all we have to do is say, “Yes.”

**P: We praise the power of God working through us, encouraging and strengthening us as we share what Jesus is doing in the world and in our lives. It is never about us – it is always about Jesus.**

### *Refrain*

L: Each builder must choose with care how to build on the foundation laid before it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. All that we receive is a gift from God, and each disciple needs to be focused on Jesus. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, we become part of a long history of saints, gathered around the table to exalt Him alone. We remember that Jesus took the bread, broke and blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat – this is my body, broken for you. Eat this in remembrance of me.” Then He took the cup and blessed it, saying, “This is my blood, shed for you – drink this in remembrance of me.”

**P: We give thanks for God’s mercy and love, offering our selves as a living sacrifice, remembering that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.**

### *Refrain*

L: Send the power of Your Holy Spirit upon us, that as we take the bread and the cup, we experience anew the power of love, sacrifice, and abundant life that Jesus offers us in this sacred meal. Let us first pray the words Jesus taught His disciples.

The Lord’s Prayer (debts, debtors)

L: The table is open to all who seek Christ. We will celebrate by intinction at each table. (We will commune with gluten free bread and grape juice.)

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Offering baskets are on each table. You may give a monetary donation for Disaster Ministries with PSEC \*\*, as well as place your congregation's OCWM pledge for 2019.

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Closing Hymn

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

New Century Hymnal 474

Benediction

L: When we choose to follow Jesus, we choose to give up the idols of this world. If we build on foundations of gold, silver, or anything else that is considered precious, we place them between ourselves and our God.

**P: Our hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus and His righteousness.**

L: As we leave this place, we take our mission out to the world. We sing God's songs and offer God's love. We take as our foundation Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose again to offer us more than the world could offer.

**P: We take the name of Jesus with us as we bring God's peace to the world. Thanks be to God!**

Sung Benediction

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+ This service is adapted from 1 Corinthians 3: 5-13, written by Steve Ohnsman, and improved by the Conference Worship Team.

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