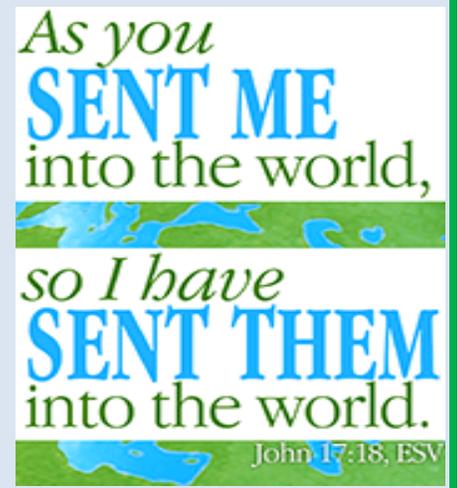


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**THE PRELUDE**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Arr. Parks

**WELCOME**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

#361 How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1, 2 &4)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteousness, omnipotent hand.
4. “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: We have gathered- new followers and lifelong disciples, the

powerful and the powerless, those who have too little and those who have too much.

**People: We have gathered, for we are one in Christ!**

Leader: We have come- seekers and skeptics, sinners and saints, the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.

**People: We have come, for we are eager to hear God's word.**

Leader: We are here together.

**People: Let us glorify the one true God!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:6-14*

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Rev. Mike Clark

Loving God, we confess that we don't always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ that we may rise up in peace to love and serve your world. Amen. (Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Mike Clark

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

## **THE GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

## **PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

## **OUR OFFERINGS**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

**Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth and lift. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 17:1-11*

Rev. Mike Clark

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in C Major”

Arr. Piel

**[Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020](#)**

Holly Grove Presbyterian Church (organized 1881, members 35)

First Alma (organized 1877, members 22)



**Time is running out!** Don't forget the Mission Committee is still asking for food items to be dropped off at the church office during office hours. There are baskets just inside the door to collect your food items. Food items needed most right now are: canned vegetables, rice, grits, oatmeal, mayo, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter and other staple items.

**The ingathering ends on FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>th</sup>!**

Thank you to all of you who have already donated!



We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us.

Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief.

Help us as we minister to their needs.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

