HYMN NOTES: The Church’s One Foundation, #321
A mid-19th century controversy over a new way of studying and interpreting scripture advocated by Bishop Colenso of Natal was the source of this hymn, a defense of the traditional way of interpretation. The original stanza 4, which includes the lines, “by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,” is usually left out—however it is included in our hymnal at stanza 3. Christ is the foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), its members are his “new creation” (II Corinthians 5:17), and they are his “holy bride” for whom he gave his life (Ephesians 5:25). It is the most familiar statement about the church in hymn literature. The original stanza 3 is almost always omitted:

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those who hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

The tune, Aurelia was first performed in the composer’s home sung to “Jerusalem the golden.” Samuel Sebastian Wesley’s wife named the tune Aurelia (magnificent or splendid) from aurea (golden). It was first coupled with our hymn in 1868.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Nancy Turner

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Kelsey & Lynn Propst

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact elder Jackie Kostal (jackiekostal@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: As we continue to move through the book of John, we see more and more examples of how those who should recognize the Savior compare Him to the devil. Study chapter 12 with us and see our gentle Savior—our Shepherd who guides us today. Led by Bob Meier.

TCl (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: The TCI Class will discuss articles from the December issue of Christian Century. The first comes from the work of the Pew Research Foundation that has surveyed several thousand individuals on issues dealing with end of life medical treatment. Bill Bitner will lead the class as they consider the position of the various faiths both Christian and non-Christian on this issue. Another item will be discussed dealing with the attack on the tax break the clergy has had available for more than 80 years. The class meets at 9:30 in Rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: “Christian.” Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.
WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

"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."

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING — "Jesus Loves Me" (Stanzas 1,2,4)保利安G. Stuempfle, b. 1923; ©2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SERMON

"Jesus’ Not-So-Subtle Response to Thoughtless Religion"

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WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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"In Christ Alone"

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WE BLESS

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

LET THE COUNCIL BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS

"Live Like That"

MEET & GREET

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

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