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Prelude  
Choral Introit  
Welcome and Announcements Mr. Kenneth Kneip  
Call to Worship  
\*Hymn *Amazing Grace* (using the tune No. 76)  
vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5  
\*Invocation  
Sacrament of Infant Baptism Trinity Sandrea Vars  
Responsive Reading Mr. Kenneth Kneip  
Anthem  
\*Doxology  
Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

***THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US***

Our Calling – Stand Firm in the Lord

How do we Stand Firm?

\*Hymn No. 375 *Jesus Calls Us*  
Offering of Thanks and Praise Mr. Kenneth Kneip  
Offertory  
Sermon continued

Why should we Stand Firm?

Pastoral Prayer  
Hymn No. 522 *He Lifted Me* (2)  
Sermon Applied

Personal Benefits of Focusing on Christ

Song of Response  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Benediction No. 522 *He Lifted Me* refrain  
\*Postlude

***THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US***

Philippians 4

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I. **How** to Stand Firm in the Lord (Philippians 3)

1. Rejoice in the Lord (3:1)
2. Put no confidence in the flesh (3:2-6)  
... instead place all your confidence in Christ (3:7-11)
3. Keep your focus on Christ ... you are to become like Him.  
(12-16)
4. Look forward to Christ's return (17-21)

“Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should **stand firm in the Lord**, dear friends!” (Philippians 4:1)

II. **Why** Stand Firm in the Lord: (Philippians 4)

1. **Unity** - *that results in loving fellowship* (4:2-3)
2. **Prayer** - *that results in receiving the peace of God* (4:4-7)
3. **Edifying Thoughts** - *that results in knowing the God of peace* (4:8-9)
4. **Contentment** – *that results in possessing internal peace* (4:10-11)
5. **Generosity** – *that results in putting our faith to work.* (4:12-19)
6. **Glorification** of God – *that results in fulfilling our purpose* – “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” (WCF-SC Q1) (4:20)

III. **Application:** We greatly benefit in our personal life when we place our complete focus on Jesus Christ.

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Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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L: Moses told the Israelites, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today."  
(Exodus 14:13)

C: **Lord, you also call us to stand firm.**

L: Lord we thank you this morning that you are our eternal God.  
Your plans stand firm forever. Your love stands firm forever,  
Your Word stands firm forever. (Psalm 33:11; 89:2, 93:5)

C: **Lord, may we become like you and stand firm.**

L: Lord, it is easy to stumble and fall. How can we become  
righteous and stand firm forever? (Proverbs 10:25)

C: <sup>21</sup> **Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** (2 Corinthians 1)

L: Lord, we thank you for giving us the faith to stand firm. May

we stand firm in the protection of Your armor, in the power of Your Spirit, in the security of Your will, in the power of Your Word, and in the hope of our loving Lord. (I Cor 16:13, 2 Cor 1:24, Ephesians 6:14, Philippians 1:27, Colossians 4:12, 2 Thess. 2:15, James 5:8)

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Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying,  
"Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying,  
"Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,  
give our hearts to Thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 522

*He Lifted Me*

(2)

He called me long before I heard, before my sinful heart was stirred, but when I took him at His word, forgiv'n He lifted me.

Refrain:

From sinking sand He lifted me; with tender hand He lifted me;  
from shades of night to plains of light,  
O praise His name, He lifted me!

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