



BUILDING A BIG HOUSE

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Meditation & Prelude - Andrea Schneider, organ

Welcome and Peace

Wash and Pray

Lighting Candles

Opening Song

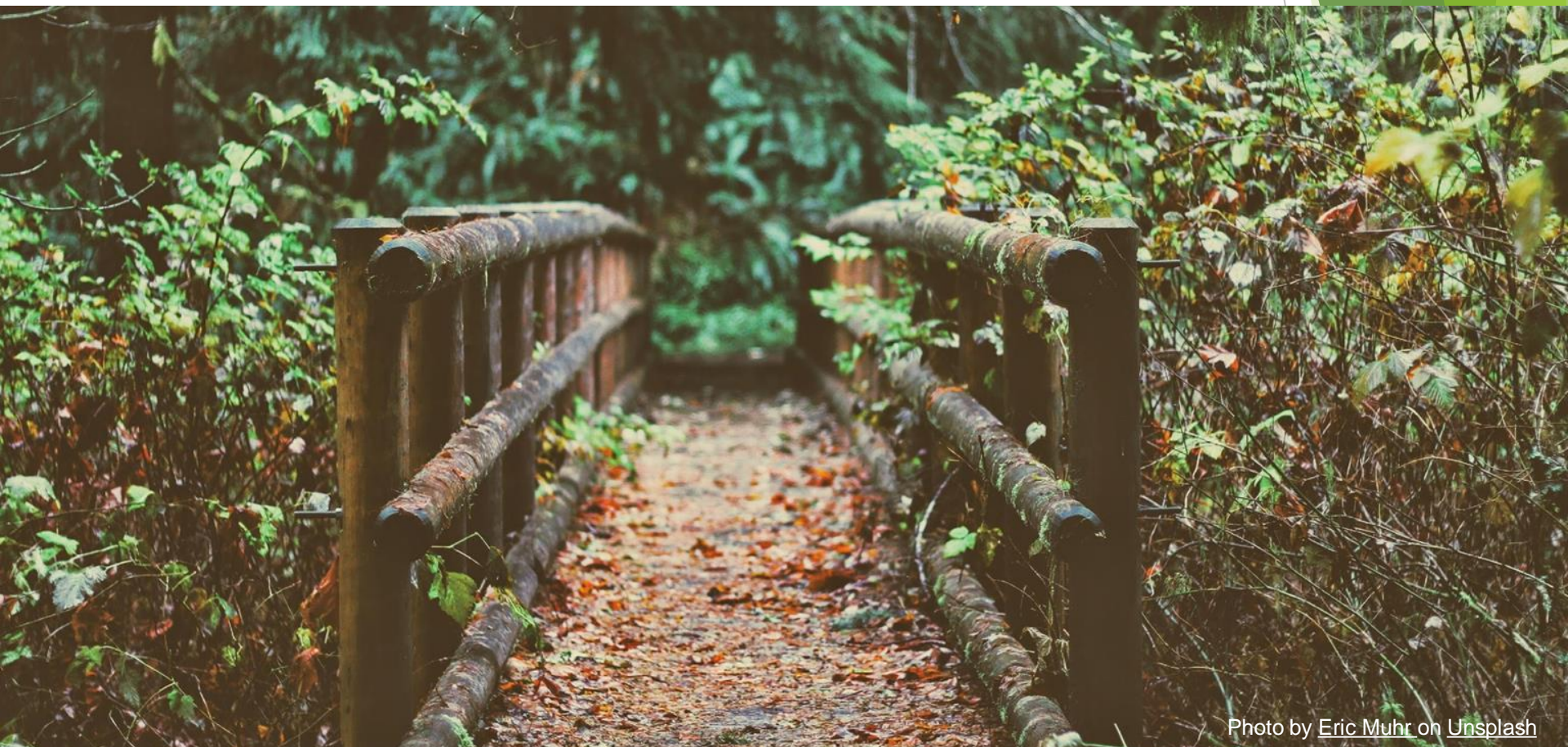


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Wash and Pray

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Scientific studies have shown that thoroughly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20-30 seconds helps prevent the spread of germs. Coincidentally, the Lord's Prayer takes about 30 seconds to say aloud or in your head. So next time you're washing your hands, use that half minute to pray AND help prevent the spread of germs!



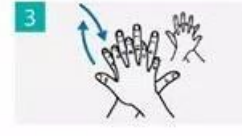
Our Father in heaven,



hallowed be your name,



your kingdom come,
your will be done,



on earth as in heaven.



Give us today our daily
bread.



Forgive us our sins



as we forgive those who
sin against us.



Lead us not into
temptation



but deliver us from evil.



for the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are
yours



now and forever.



Amen.

Candle Lighting



Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (CH 275)

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (CH 275)

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (CH 275)

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

(CH 275)

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (CH 275)

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
 laud and honor to the Son,
 laud and honor to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
 while unending ages run.

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a group of young children, likely of Southeast Asian descent, smiling and making peace signs with their hands. The children are wearing simple, worn clothing. The background shows a reddish-brown tiled wall and a dirt ground. The overall mood is joyful and hopeful.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jesus Loves Me

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Gospel Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

Mark 6:30-34 (NIV)

2 Samuel 7:1-14

Read by Kitty McKinsey

God's Promise to David

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.” ³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

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⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

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⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” ⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

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⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

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¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

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¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

Mark 6:30-34^(NIV)

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Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

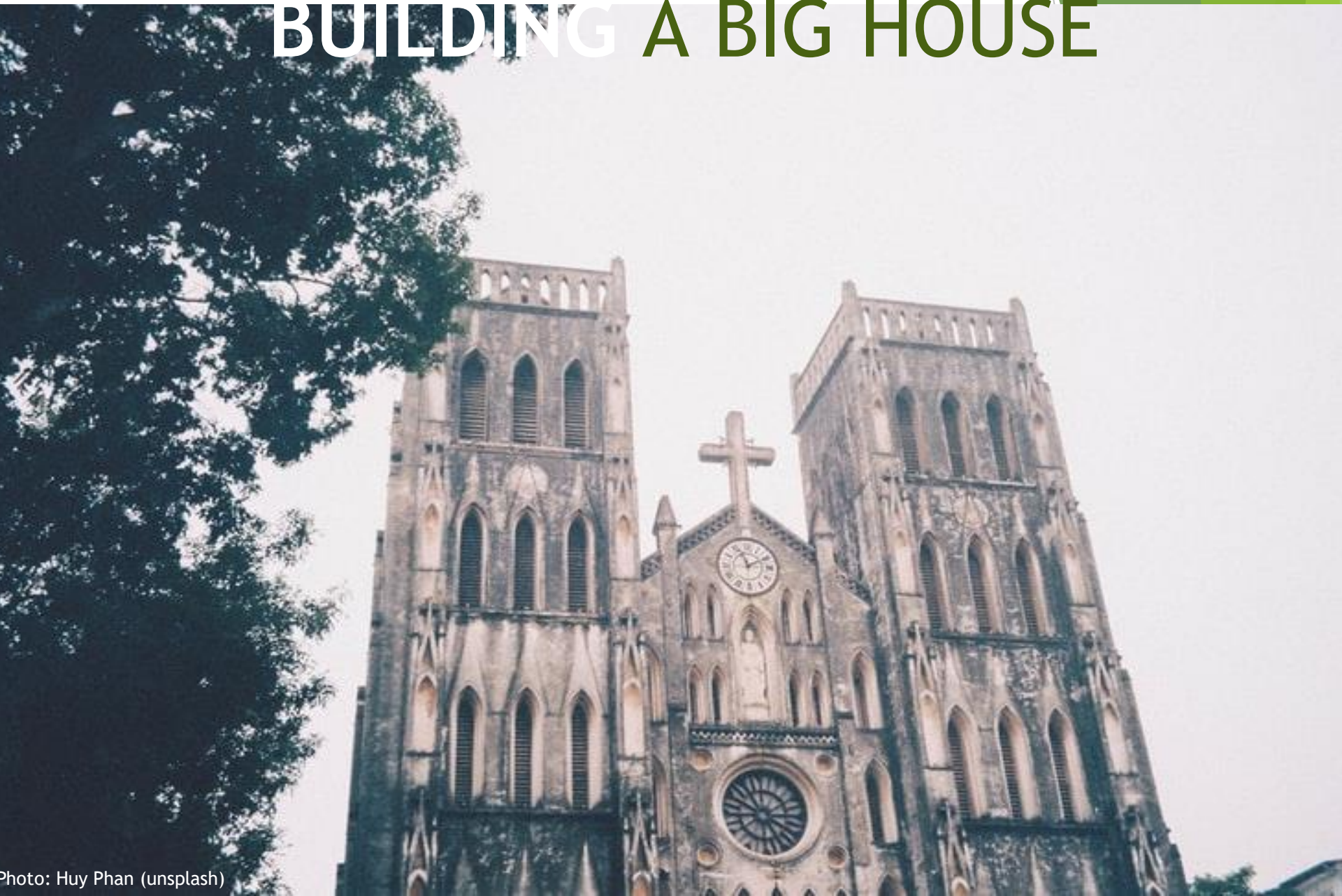
³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

Mark 6:30-34^(NIV)

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³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

SERMON: BUILDING A BIG HOUSE



RESPONSIVE HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy (CH 572)

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft
with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His
Word.
Make friends of God's children, help
those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to
seek.

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy (CH 572)

2. Take time to be holy, the world
rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with
Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou
shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His
likeness shall see.

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy (CH 572)

3. Take time to be holy, let Him be
thy Guide;

And run not before Him, whatever
betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow the
Lord,

And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His
Word.

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy (CH 572)

4. Take time to be holy, be calm in
thy soul,

Each thought and each motive
beneath His control.

Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of
love,

Thou soon shalt be fitted for service
above.

Prayers



OFFERING

Andrea Schneider, organ



Photo by Kitty McKinsey

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



Gloria Patri (CH 35)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The background of the slide features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side and bottom of the slide, creating a modern, dynamic feel. The main area of the slide is white, providing a high-contrast background for the text.

CLOSING HYMN

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL (CH 506)

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

1 You who know our fears and
sadness,
grace us with your peace and
gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our
hearts. [Refrain]

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Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

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Healer of our every ill,
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CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of
love. [Refrain]

CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

3 Give us strength to love each
other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our
guide. [Refrain]

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Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

4 You who know each thought
and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each
heart. [Refrain]

CLOSING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (CH 506)

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
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A Prayer as I Put on My Mask

Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace" -
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ,

since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.
May it be so. May it be so.

BLESSING

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God



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Postlude

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