Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things

of old.

People: I am about to do a new thing;

Leader: Now it springs for, do you not perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

*Hymn # 463 - How Firm a Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Doing a New Thing

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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.

Special Music



Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your heart.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

The Sharing of the Meal

Prayer After Communion

Giving God,
living Lord,
you have fed us with your body.
You have poured out your life
that we might live.
We thank you,
for we have tasted
your goodness in this meal.
Fed, we are strengthened;
filled, we are renewed
to share the abundance of your love
with a hungry world. Amen.

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Postlude

^{*}Hymn # 498 – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

^{*}Charge and Benediction

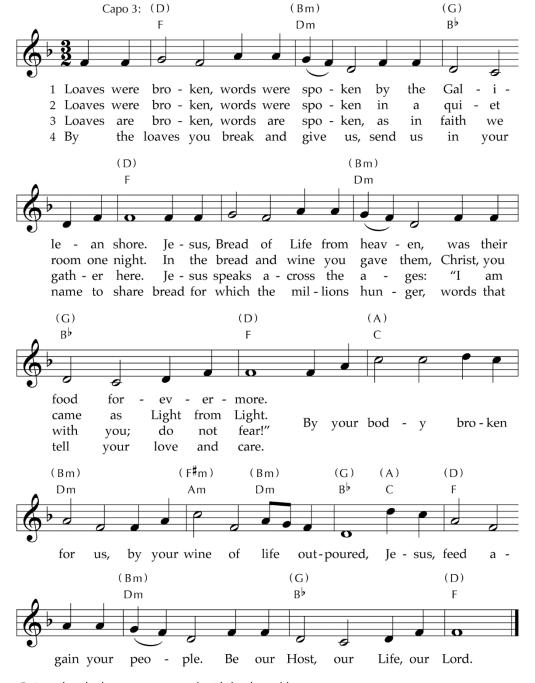
^{*}Congregational Response: Hymn # 205 – Live in Charity (x2)

THE WORD How Firm a Foundation 1 How firm foun - da tion, ye saints of the Lord, a "Fear Ι am thee, Ο be dis-mayed, 2 not, with not "When through the deep wa call thee to go, 4 "When through fi - ery tri als thy path - way shall lie, soul hath leaned that on Тe sus for pose, is laid faith God's cel - lent Word! for your in ex thy will still give thee for Ι am God, and aid; the riv sor row shall o - ver - flow; ers of not be grace, all fi cient, shall sup - ply; my suf thy will will not, Ι not de - sert to its foes; What more can be said than to God hath said, you I'11 strength - en thee, help thee, and thee stand, cause to for will thee, thy bles bless, be near trou to the flame shall not hurt thee; Ι 1y de - sign on that though all hell should en - deav shake, soul, or to to you who for ref uge Je have fled? to sus held by my righ - teous, om - nip o - tent hand. up fy thy deep - est dis - tress. and sanc ti to thee thy dross and thy gold re - fine. to con - sume, to ľÜ for - sake." nev er, no, nev er, no, nev er

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken





Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.