

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Nicodemus Series: PART 2: The Devil Made Me Do It!
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PRELUDE

*Above All*¹
*Blessed Assurance*²
*In Christ Alone*³

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on the Heidelberg Catechism⁴, Q & A #1, Paragraph 1)

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

*All people: That I am not my own,
 but belong—
 body and soul,
 in life and in death—
 to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

ACT OF CONFESSION (Based on Romans 7:15-23)

Pastor: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, is faithful, full of grace and truth, and it is to Him we belong. Yet, in choosing to sin and do evil, we reject Christ and turn away. Let us confess our unfaithfulness and the limits of our trust.⁵

All people: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned. Even though we wanted to do what was right, we weren't always successful this week. Not only did we fail to do what was right, but at times we consciously chose to think and act in ways we knew were wrong. We are truly sorry, and we ask for your forgiveness. (Moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on the Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #1, Paragraphs 2 & 3)

Pastor: Again, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

*That Christ has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
 and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
 He also watches over me in such a way
 that not a hair can fall from my head
 without the will of my Father in heaven:
 in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

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⁴ First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers. It originated in one of the few pockets of Calvinistic faith in the Lutheran and Catholic territories of Germany. It was originally conceived as a teaching tool for young people and as a form of confessional unity for Protestants. The Synod of Dort approved the Heidelberg Catechism in 1619, and it soon became the most ecumenical of all the Reformed catechisms and confessions.

⁵ Baylor, Lavon. (adapted) "Call to Confession, #832" The New Century Hymnal. Ohio: The Pilgrim Press, 1995.

*Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.
Amen!*

HYMN

*Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation*⁶**Chorus**

Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I know I can stand secure
Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I put my hope in Your holy Word
I put my hope in Your holy Word

Verse 1

I have a living hope (ECHO)
I have a future (ECHO)
God has a plan for me (ECHO)
Of this I'm sure (ECHO)

Chorus – Sing 1 time**Verse 2**

Your Word is faithful (ECHO)
Mighty in power (ECHO)
God will deliver me (ECHO)
Of this I'm sure of sure (ECHO)

Chorus – 2 times

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EPISTLE READING 1

EPISTLE READING 2

GOSPEL READING

Genesis 3:1-24

1 Peter 5:8-9

Revelation 12:1-17

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

The Devil Made Me Do It – Part 2

Rev. Laura C. Bair

APOSTLE'S CREED

*All people: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

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*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

OFFERING LITANY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist: Lead us not into temptation,
All people: *but toward your will, O Lord.*
 Liturgist: Lead us not into temptation,
All people: *but to the sharing of our gifts, O Lord.*
 Liturgist: Lead us not into temptation,
All people: *but to love through our actions
and through how we spend our money and talents, O Lord.*

Liturgist: Let us dedicate the offering of our time, talent, and money with a prayer of dedication.
All people: *We promise to use these gifts for good. We promise to use these gifts to further God's kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. We commit to using these gifts in love and mercy for others. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught to pray: 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.*

HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*⁷

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BENEDICTION (Based on Romans 8:38-39)

Pastor: What can come between us and God's amazing love?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Can trouble or hatred, hard times or hunger?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Can homelessness, injury, bullying or war?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Can danger or poverty, loneliness or grief?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Can past mistakes, failures, accidents or death?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Can anything: past, present, or future separate us from God's love?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Angels or demons, or anything else in all of creation?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: So, what *can* come between us and God's amazing love?
All people: *Nothing, absolutely nothing!*
 Pastor: Go then, in joy, to love and serve the Lord.
All people: *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*⁸

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How Firm a Foundation

*Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5**"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"