## I. On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Lloyd Larson, based on Matthew 16:13-18

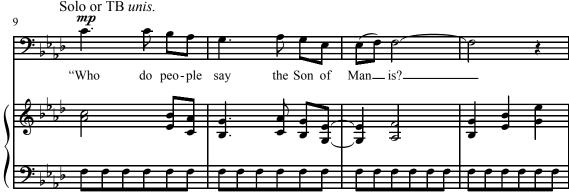
Lloyd Larson *Quoting familiar hymns* 

- **Narrator 1:** Today we celebrate our Lord's divine creation, the church of the living God. It is within the church community that our faith has taken root and been nurtured. It is within the church that we have been united with those who stand beside us this day in worship and also with those who have stood under the banner of Christ's love through the centuries.
- Narrator 2: We are surrounded by a host of believers representing countless countries, cultures, languages and Christian traditions. Together we boldly proclaim that we are united by "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:5-6)
- **Narrator 1:** From the beginning, God's plan included a faith lived out in the context of community. The covenant made with Abraham was for him and his people. The story of faith passed down through the generations of Israel's history is the story of an entire nation of people.
- **Narrator 2:** Jesus perpetuated this message as well. He frequented gatherings at the temple and local synagogues. He worshipped, taught, healed and lived in community. In fact, His primary worshiping and teaching venue was a community composed of twelve faithful disciples.
- Narrator 1: (music begins) Even as Jesus imparted lessons of life and faith, He continued to draw His



followers back to the importance of recognizing Him as the source of love and truth; and the foundation upon which God's church was to be built.





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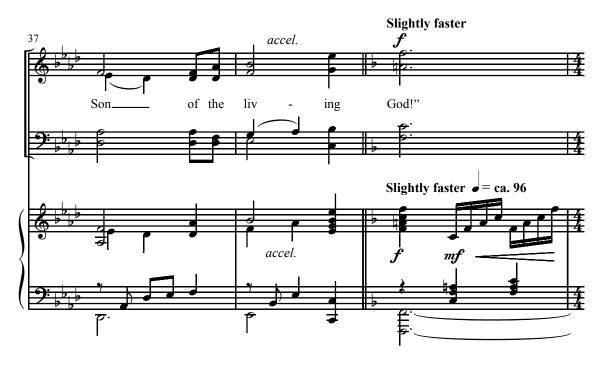
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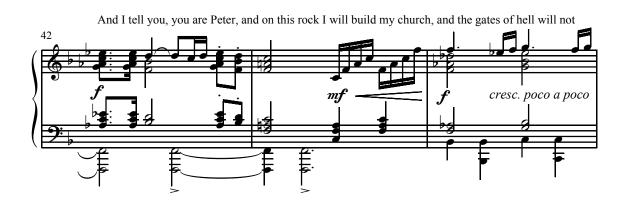






Narrator 2: Following Simon Peter's response, Jesus turned to him and said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.











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