



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 22, 2021

9 & 10:45am



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Matt Woodson

Themes and Keywords: presence, purity, purpose

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount

arr. J. Martin

Cathy Benton, piano

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 50:15; 34:3, 8-10

The sovereign Lord says,
"Call upon me in the day of trouble
and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
So come, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Fear the LORD, you his saints
for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

WE PRAISE GOD

A Mighty Fortress

Text: Martin Luther, 1529
trans. Frederick Hedge, 1852
Tune: Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 2/4 time for the second measure. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence in 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with four numbered verses.

Our help-er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may

great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bide - eth still: His king - dom is for - ev - er.

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
 He is risen indeed!
 He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from Isaiah 30:15, 18

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all who wait for him.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Our faithful Father, you call us to walk with you,
abiding and trusting in your constant presence and power.

But our faith withers when we walk through trials.

**We forget that you are an ever-present help in trouble,
and we turn away from suffering**

**and from your eternal purpose and mission for us
when sin offers no resistance and easy comfort.**

Lord Jesus, you trusted the Father so completely that you lived with purity of heart
and constant obedience to the Father's good will and purpose.

But we are prone to fear the world's opposition.

**We often compromise with evil in silence
rather than bear witness boldly**

by walking with you in purity and integrity.

Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent.

Have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, lead our faltering hearts back to you, and help us abide in Christ so that
your presence gives us peace and strength to stand firm in patient faith. By the power of
your Spirit, help us walk with you in purity and holiness that reveals the wisdom and
goodness of your purpose and design for us.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of
his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and
which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who
abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

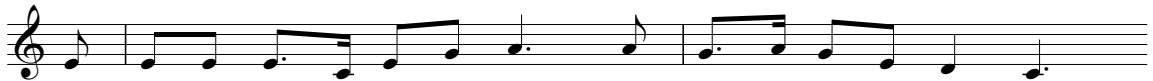
Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church during the song and will return during the offering.

Grace

Text and Tune: Niki Shepherd, Johnny Robinson, and Rich Thompson © 2016 Getty Music Songs



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home from death to life for - ev - er
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide to ev - ery tribe and na - tion
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly wis - dom,
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re - sound for - ev - er,



and sings the song of righ - teous - ness by blood and not by mer - it.
has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion. **Chorus**
the prince of life with - out a stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner. **Chorus**
for grace will see me wel - comed home to walk be - side my sav - ior. **Chorus**

Chorus



By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored,



and now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

SEATED

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 1

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

⁸ But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. ⁹ And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs...

¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

²¹ And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

"Where Are You, God?"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

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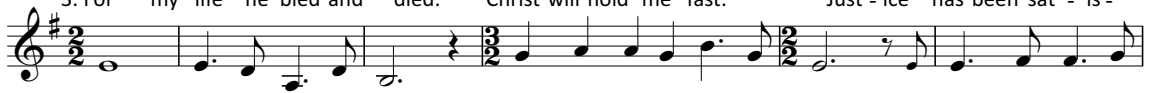
He Will Hold Me Fast

Text: vv. 1-2, Ada Habershon, v. 3, Matt Merker
Tune: Matt Merker, 2013

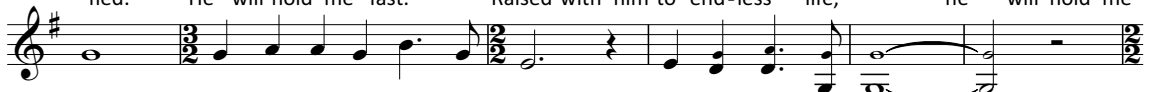
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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempt-er would pre-
2. Those he saves are his de - light. Christ will hold me fast. Pre-cious in his ho - ly
3. For my life he bled and died. Christ will hold me fast. Just - ice has been sat - is -



vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful
sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost. His prom - is - es shall
fied. He will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me



path, for my love is oft - en cold. He must hold me fast.
last. Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
fast, 'till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!



He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast, for my sa - vior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

WE HEAR TESTIMONY OF GOD'S MISSION

Bridget Van Means, ThriVe

STANDING (IF ABLE)

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(prayers for the church and the world)

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.

WE PRAISE GOD

Psalm 67

Text: Psalm 67
trans. James McGranahan, 1890, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1836



1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace, and cause to shine up -
2. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing; in ev - 'ry land let
3. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing. Then earth, in right a -



on us the bright-ness of your face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
prais - es and songs of glad-ness ring; for you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right-eous-
bun - dance, to us her fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us, our God will bless - ing



known, and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con - fess.
send, and all the earth will fear him to its re - mot - est end.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Ein feste Burg*

J. Pachelbel

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Alex Spors, *guitar*;
Sandy Weltman, *harmonica*; Pete Johnson, *cajon, vocals*; Robin Callan, *vocals*

The flowers in the chancel are given by Tom Hays to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Sue, and in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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