

January 12th, 2020

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Crown Him King of kings; Crown Him Lord of lords.
Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, Emmanuel God is with us.
And He shall reign; He shall reign. He shall reign forevermore.”

Sharon Damazio

Prelude

Crown Him King of Kings

arr. Tornquist

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

***Call to Worship**

from Psalms 127-128, 130

Pastor: Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

**People: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard
in vain.**

Pastor: But blessed are all who fear the Lord; blessed are those who walk in
his ways.

People: Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.

Pastor: With the Lord there is forgiveness.

People: There is forgiveness that He may be feared.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Mathew 23:1-24
Pew Bible Page 1536

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, help us to delight in you and to enjoy you forever. All the treasures and delights of this world have left us empty and unfulfilled. Forgive us, we ask, for making so much of all that this world has to offer us. In you there is everlasting joy and peace. Build us up by your grace. Ignite in us a deeper desire to know you more. Drive us to your word, disciple us according to it, and continue to renew our sinful hearts. Show us your Son, Jesus, and make us more like him. Grant to us a greater measure of your grace, this week especially, that we might enjoy you, and in turn we might enjoy all the many blessings that you so generously bestow to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

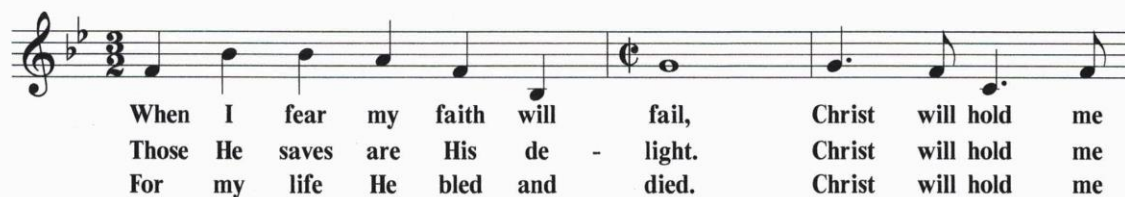
Assurance of Pardoning Grace

—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

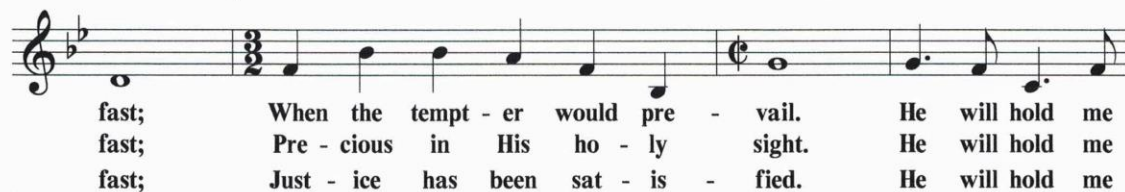
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

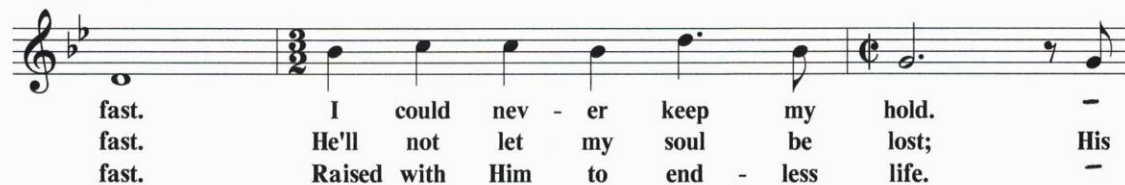
He Will Hold Me Fast



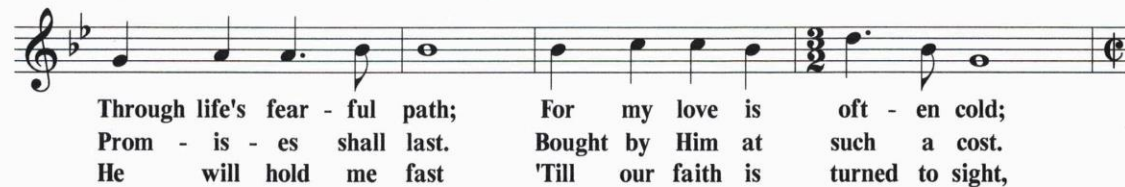
When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
Those He saves are His de - light. Christ will hold me
For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me



fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail. He will hold me
fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight. He will hold me
fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied. He will hold me



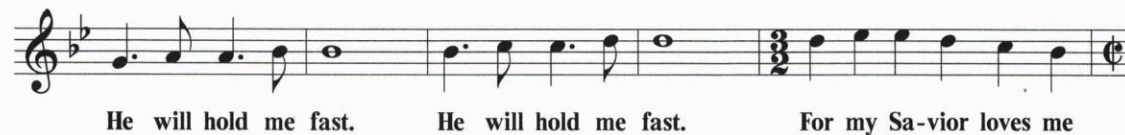
fast. I could nev - er keep my hold. -
fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His -
fast. Raised with Him to end - less life.



Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold;
Prom - is - es shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost.
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight,



He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Sa-rior loves me



so. He will hold me fast.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 11 & 12

Q. 11 What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12 What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Leonard

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens; each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors; he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,; the river running by.
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter; the pleasant summer sun.
The ripe fruits in the garden; he made them every one.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Sermon Outline

1. Tithing is an OT command
 - a. Genesis 14:20; 28:22

2. Tithing is a means of remembering
 - a. Our complete dependence on God

 - b. Our great debt to God

 - c. Our continued need of God

3. Tithing receives fuller realization in the NT
 - a. Matthew 23:23-24

 - b. Always strive to give more...

 - c. Corinthians 9:6-7

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Is the Old Testament still applicable in your life today? In what ways does it still a guide and direct you? In what ways does it not guide and direct you?
2. How much do you need God in your day to day affairs? How does your life reflect this?
3. Do you have financial debt? What are some practical means to getting out of debt? How can the church be more supportive of faithful biblical principles involving money?
4. Do you trust the elders and deacons of your church? What if you don't, does that mean that you don't have to tithe?
5. Are you giving a tenth of your income to the church? If no, why not? If yes, what is preventing you from giving more?

*Hymn of Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 529

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

***Postlude**

He Is Exalted

arr. Tornquist

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano

Denise O'Neal

Intercessory Prayer

Nelson Schoon, Elder

Serving the Lord

	1/12	1/19	1/26
AM Nursery	Y. Lindborg, Grayden L.	F. Armstrong, Cordie A.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.
Greeters	Lanenga	J. Faber	Stoltzfus
Treats	Schoon	J. Rogers	Lindborg
Serve/Cleanup	Schoon	Lindborg	Lindborg
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 1/12	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
TUES 1/14	1:00 PM	PM Care Group
SAT 1/18	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUN 1/19	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Schoon Care Group

Important Upcoming Events

WED 1/29	6:30 PM	Annual Corporation Meeting
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Announcements

☞ **Prayer Meeting Tonight:** Prayer meeting will be held tonight at 6 pm. Come spend an hour in prayer to our Lord.

☞ **The Annual Corporation Meeting:** This annual meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 pm. The 2020 budget will be presented and voted on. You will receive a budget booklet available on the table in the foyer next week Sunday. **Please pick up an envelope found on the table in the narthex today containing the formal notice of the meeting and the letter that provides you with a summary of the gifts you gave to the church throughout 2019.** All members should plan to attend this important meeting.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** The next Ladies' Bible Study will begin Wednesday, February 5. They will be studying *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges. Christianbook.com's summary states, "Does trusting God come easily to you - until adversity strikes? Amid troubles and tribulation do you sometimes doubt whether He cares? Exploring three essential truths about God - His complete sovereignty, His infinite wisdom, and His perfect love." Please sign up in the narthex by Monday, January 20. See Jenni Gretzinger, Lucy Hrivnak, or Valerie Lash if you have any questions.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** Good Shepherd is hosting its fourth installment of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm. This 9-week biblically-based class teaches individuals and families how to budget, payoff debt, save for retirement, and give responsibly. Please contact Jason or Valerie Lash if you have any questions. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, the online link to register is: <https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1109171?c=ccf>. Hope to see you there!