

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil,
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Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Refrain

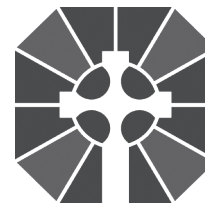
He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last.



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PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
"How Beautiful" arr. by Bruce Greer

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71:19, 22-24

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?

People: I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my soul also, which You have redeemed.

People: And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Come, Ye Sinners"

"Cornerstone"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 55

Pastor: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

All: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all His treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“Sow with Tears, Reap with Joy”

Psalm 126

Dr. Tim Kirk

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Come, Ye Sinners

Verse 1

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow’r.**

Refrain

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.**

Verse 2

**Come, ye thirsty; come and welcome,
God’s free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.**

Verse 3

**Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.**

Verse 4

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you’re better,
You will never come at all.**

Cornerstone

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.**

Chorus

**Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour’s love.
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.**