



# THE LORD'S DAY ~ October 27, 2019



## Prelude

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

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.

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

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.

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!

## Pastor's Welcome

### Prayer of Invocation and Praise

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 101:1

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (T457)

#### \*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 23b

**Leader:** *Christian, what do you believe about the sanctification of sinners?*

**People:** We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin. Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned. So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls "faith working through love," which moves people to do by themselves the works that God has commanded in the Word. These works, proceeding from the good root of faith, are good and acceptable to God, since they are all sanctified by God's grace. Yet they do not count toward our justification—for by faith in Christ we are justified, even before we do good works. Otherwise they could not be good, any more than the fruit of a tree could be good if the tree is not good in the first place.

\*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9

## Hymn of Confession

*"All to Jesus I Surrender"* (T562, vv. 2 & 4)

## Confession of Sin #82

Almighty God, you created the world, and it was good. But our first parents fell into sin, and we have inherited their corruption. Heavenly Father, we confess that we have turned our backs on you; we have served our own idols; we have sought our own glory. Forgive our sin, O God, and renew us by your grace, that we might bring redemption to the world, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10:45

## Pastoral Prayer

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Matthew 6:31-33

## Offertory Hymn

*"From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)"* (Words T554)

## Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:41-42

## Sermon

Mr. James Thompson

*"Persevering by Faith Alone"*

Hebrews 11

## \*Hymn of Response

*"By Faith"*

By faith we see the hand of God; in the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness; who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the power of His promise in their hearts  
of a Holy City built by God's own hand: a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done; we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go; in the power of the Spirit to the lost;  
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail;  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Hymn of Benediction

*"Our God Reigns"* (C372, v3)

## \*Postlude