



October 10, 2021
10:00 AM

Reflection: “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18).

Call To Worship

O magnify the LORD with me.

Let us exalt God’s name together!

-from Psalm 34:3

Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:9-13

Confession of Sin

The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

-based on 1 John 2:1-2

Corporate Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

-Psalm 103:8-13

Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Ada Havershon (1861-1918) Music: Matthew Merker, 2013

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	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 (Chorus)
Chorus: He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so 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 (Chorus)

Children's Story

Bible Stories Every Child Should Know

By Kenneth N. Taylor

Prayer

At the conclusion of prayer pray the Lord's Prayer in unison:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

"The Wilderness Years"	Genesis 29:1-30	Wayne Shelton
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Hymn of Response

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams (alt. Jeremy Casella) Music: Jeremy Casella

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore; Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore.	When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee. Land me safe on Canaan's side Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fear Land me safe on Canaan's side Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.
Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.	

Confession of Faith

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Affirmation of Faith

<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.</i>	<i>and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to</i>
<i>I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, judge the living and the dead. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,</i>	<i>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.</i>

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;	Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;	Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.