

Gathering Music: “Hold On to Me”

**When the best of me is barely breathin'; When I'm not somebody I believe in,
Hold on to me. When I miss the light the night has stolen, when I'm slammin' all
the doors You've opened, Hold on to me hold on to me.**

**Chorus: Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You;
When I am sure I have reached the end.
Hold on to me when I forget I need You. When I let go hold me again**

**When I don't feel like I'm worth defending; When I'm tired of all my pretending,
Hold on to me. When I start to break in desperation underneath the weight of
expectation, Hold on to me hold on to me.**

**I could rest here in Your arms forever 'Cause I know nobody loves me better.
Hold on to me hold on to me.**

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“See a Victory”

**The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper, when the darkness falls it won't
prevail 'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph. My God will never fail.
My God will never fail.**

**Chorus: I'm gonna see a victory. I'm gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You Lord. (repeat)**

**There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus, every war He wages He will win.
I'm not backing down from any giant, I know how this story ends.
I know how this story ends.**

**You take what the enemy meant for evil and You turn it for good.
You turn it for good.**

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Greeting/Announcements

Song: “You Are My Vision”

**You are my vision O King of my heart, nothing else satisfies, only You Lord.
You are my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping,
Your presence my light.**

**You are my wisdom, You are my true word. I ever with You and You with me
Lord. You're my great Father and I'm Your true son, You dwell inside me,
together we're one.**

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Mark 9:14-29

- † What did you learn about Faith's history?
- † Who is surrounding you in your race of faith?
- † Where does your endurance come from?
- † How is the father's prayer your prayer (“I believe, help my unbelief!”)?

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Offering “Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me,
You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath
You breathed your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus: O, the overwhelming, never ending, Reckless love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
O, the overwhelming, never ending Reckless love of God.

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me,
You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus*

There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain you won't climb up,
coming after me. There's no wall you won't kick down,
Lie you won't tear down, coming after me. *Repeat ~ Chorus*

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Song “Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me; Oh, his love for me.

Chorus: Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am.

Free at last He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me. *Chorus*

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am.

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who you say I am. You are for me not against me
I am who you say I am. *Repeat*

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Song: “You Are My Vision” (continued)

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity, You're my delight. You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower. Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power.

I don't want riches or man's empty praise, You're my inheritance now and always. You and You only the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure You are.

High King of heaven when victory's won. May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son. Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of All your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the church, from generations to generations you have guided your people. Continue to guide us, as we run the race of faith, looking to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign in majesty and mercy, now and forever, Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God?

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Bible Distribution: For three year old children

Faith Seeds: Penny Stuber

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Living Hope”

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!

You have broken every chain, There's salvation in your name

Jesus Christ, My living hope (repeat)

Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about,

Gospel: Mark 9:14-29 (continued)

foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.”

Sermon: “The Race of Faith: Starting Blocks ” Pastor Dave Wollan

Song: “King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from.

Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus: **You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)**

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves.

Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. Chorus

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) Chorus

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

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Installation: Sunday School Teachers and Youth Group Leaders

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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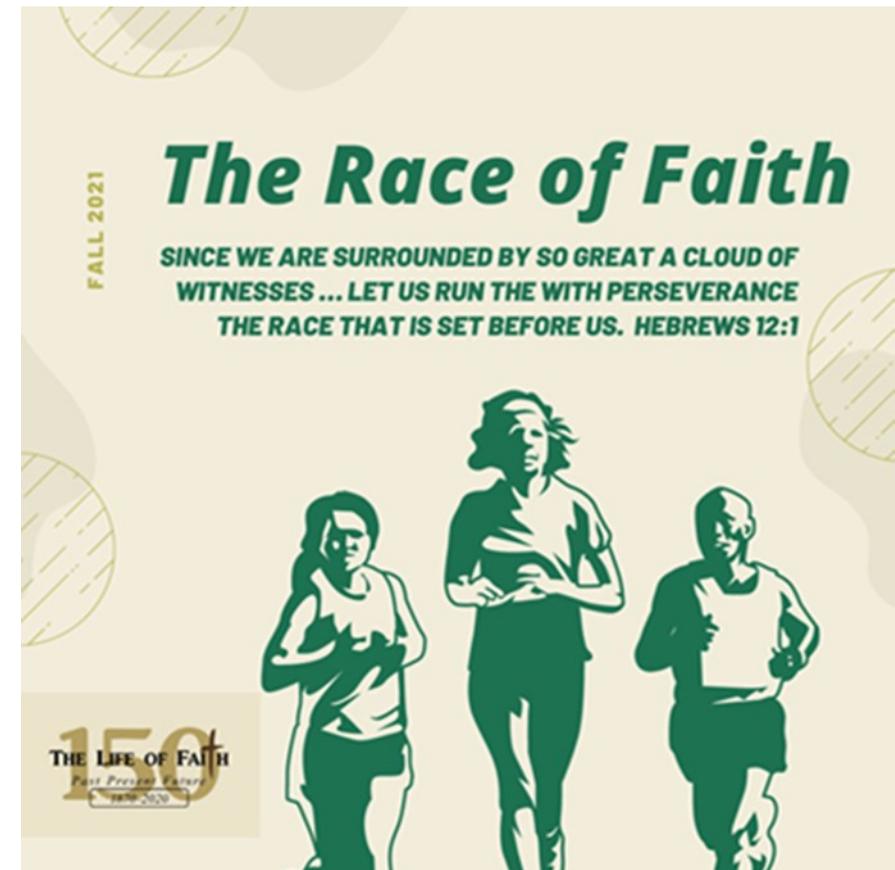
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"Starting Blocks"



"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."

Mark 9:24