

This morning's theme: Unshakable Hope

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary! This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure. Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure. Forgive us for breaking your Law and putting these things ahead of you. By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Celebrating the Gospel

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong a perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I The King of Glory and of Grace One with Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Message: Is it worth it?

Pastor Mark Howard

<u>He Will Hold Me Fast</u>

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

> 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

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Tithes and Offerings

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Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Ephesians 5:2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Announcements:

Q & A and Prayer Time – TODAY after the service, follow the link or dial via the number and PIN provided.

Online Bible Studies

- Women's Bible Study in Luke 12-24, Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Men's Bible Study in Luke 12-24, Thursdays at 7:30 pm
- Women's Bible Study in Hosea, Saturdays at 8 am

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