

Sussex Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 9:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” CH #90

v1,2,4

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee

God of glory Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee

Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays

Stars and angels sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest vale and mountain

Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Leading us with mercy's hand
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven

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*“How Firm a Foundation” CH #408 v1-4

Verse 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to
shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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*God's Greeting

Admitting Our Guilt, Receiving His Grace

“When Peace Like a River” PsH #445 v1-4

Verse 1

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Verse 2

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come

Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

Verse 3

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well

With my soul

Horatio Gates Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

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Congregational Prayer

*“Standing on the Promises” CH #410 v1-5

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail

By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

Verse 3

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God

Verse 4

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword
Standing on the promises of God

Verse 5

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

Russell Kelso Carter

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 21:17-26

Sermon: "The Tension of Absolutes"

Prayer

*"Faith of Our Fathers" PsH #443 v1-3

Verse 1

Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeon fire and sword
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word

Chorus

Faith of our fathers holy faith
We will be true to thee till death

Verse 2

Our fathers chained in prisons dark
Were still in heart and conscience free
How sweet would be their children's fate
If they like them could die for Thee

Verse 3

Faith of our fathers we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife
And preach Thee too as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life

Frederick William Faber, Henri Frederick Hemy

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Offerings & Deacon Prayer

*Benediction

*“Find Us Faithful” CH #456 1x through
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey
Oh may all who come behind us

Jon Mohr

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