

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 616

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The Invocation

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Leader: What is sanctification?

Leader and People: Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God has, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

Leader and People: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

The Psalm

Rejoice in All Your Works (Psalm 104)

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath, every eye that searches through the dark for light— All creation looks to you for its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth! Every creature you have made declares your praise. We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace! With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest, every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—All creation looks to you for its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Chorus*

May the pond'rings of my heart, and the song upon my lips, with the chorus of creation join in praise: To the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains, to the Son who over all creation reigns!
Chorus

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The Scripture Reading

Acts 19:1-20

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The Song

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. *Chorus*

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*

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Children ages 4 through completed 6th grade are dismissed to Super Summer Sunday Nights.

The Evening Prayer

Having a Made-Up Mind
Joshua 24:1-28

The Song

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known, yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, foes may hate and friends disown me; show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; heav'n will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me. Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain. In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain. I have called Thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on Thee. Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care. Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine, think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days. Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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The Benediction

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