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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God you are very great; you are clothed in splendor and majesty. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Congregation: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

WORSHIP SONGS

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

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

Glorious Ruins

When the mountains fall and the tempest roars
You are with me
When creation folds
Still my soul will soar on Your mercy

I'll walk through the fire with my head lifted high
And my spirit revived in Your story
And I'll look to the cross as my failure is lost
In the light of Your glorious grace

(So) let the ruins come to life
In the beauty of Your name
Rising up from the ashes
God forever You reign
And my soul will find refuge
In the shadow of Your wings
I will love You forever and forever I'll sing

When the world caves in
Still my hope will cling to Your promise
Where my courage ends
Let my heart find strength in Your presence

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, By day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee, And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart
High King of heaven, My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, My victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Confession of Sin/Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin: We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:1-16

10 And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. **2** And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" **3** He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" **4** They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." **5** And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. **6** But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' **7** 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, **8** and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. **9** What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." **10** And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11** And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, **12** and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. **15** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." **16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.