

CLASSIC SERVICE

First Evangelical Church

June 25, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

Love that will not let me go



SCRIPTURAL INVITATION

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

MEDITATION

N. Rimsky-Korsakov

HYMN OF COMFORT

(choir)

Hymn #531

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

(all, standing)

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

(please be seated)

WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

COMMISSIONING

Caleb and Kassie Sanborn, Ukraine

INTERLUDE

Elaine Lim, piano

W. A. Mozart

WORDS OF CONFIDENCE*(all, standing)***Romans 8:31-35, 37-39**

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

People: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

People: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Leader: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

People: will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN OF CONFIDENCE*(all)***Hymn #89 vv. 1, 2, 4**

**Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end!**

**Jesus! What a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end!**

(interlude)

**Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end!**

PRAYER OF CONFIDENCE**Ralph Hughes, Deacon****RESPONSE OF CONFIDENCE****Hymn #538 v. 1**

**I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

*(please be seated)***INTERLUDE****P. Tchaikovsky****CHORAL MEDITATION***(choir)*

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow
Shall richer, fuller be, that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go.

REPONSE OF TRUST*(all, standing)***Hymn #519 vv. 1, 2**

**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."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

(please be seated)

SERMON

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

*He Made the Stars Also:
The Story of the Gospel in Seven Wonders*

Jesus Goes Temple
John 2:13-25

BENEDICTION

ON THE PLATFORM THIS MORNING

In an effort to make our leaders better known to the congregation, these leaders are sitting on the platform this morning. Those marked with * will be available following the service to greet you and give you spiritual assistance.

From left to right:

*Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

Ron Man, Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence

*Ralph Hughes, Deacon

Worship Leaders: The *Worship Choir*, Anne Russell, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Elaine Lim, piano; Jenny Davis, flute; Shelly Sublett, oboe; Dan Gilbert, violin; Mary Dunlap, violin; Beth Luscombe, viola; Sarah Nowlin, cello; Betsy Man, bass; Doris Shifflette, French horn

Elaine Lim

Elaine was born in the Philippines to parents of Chinese descent. Her mother and sister came to Christ, and then her sister led Elaine and her two brothers to the Lord as well.

Elaine came to the US five years ago to study at *The University of Memphis*, earning a Master's degree.

She has been attending First Evan for the past year, and has been a member of the *Worship Choir*. She leaves in August to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance degree at *James Madison University* in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

735 Ridge Lake Blvd., Memphis, TN 38120 | (901) 682-8452 | info@firstevan.org | www.firstevan.org

"O Love," words by George Matheson; music by Elaine Hagenberg;
© 2016 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI #47316