

CLASSIC SERVICE

First Evangelical Church

July 23, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

Our Great God



WORDS OF INVITATION

Psalm 97:1-2, 6-9

HYMN OF PRAISE

(all, standing)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

(please be seated)

WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

GOD AT WORK

Restore Corps (Memphis Ministry)

PASTORAL PRAYER

INTERLUDE

J. S. Bach

SONG OF PRAISE

(all, standing)

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so—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.

*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!

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast. (repeat refrain)*

WORDS OF PRAISE

(all)

Psalm 145:8-12

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

People: **They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom!**

HYMN OF WORSHIP

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Mark Gosney, Elder

RESPONSE OF WORSHIP

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

(please be seated)

CHORAL MEDITATION

(choir)

O Great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me.
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(all, standing)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.**

(please be seated)

SERMON

Ricky Harris Jr.

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:

Ricky Harris Jr., Guest Preacher

*Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

John Hodges, Worship Leader

*Mark Gosney, Elder

Worship Leaders: The *Worship Choir*; Anne Russell, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano;
Dan Gilbert, violin; Lori Gilbert, violin

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