

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

June 26, 2022 at 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Guitar Steve Budnack

Announcements

Prayer

Hymns 171, 548 "Come Into His Presence" "As the Dear"

Scripture – Psalm 71 (opposite page)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 734 "Be Strong in the Lord"

Hymn (insert) :You Never Let Go"

Message THE FREEDOM FOUND IN CHRIST

Acts 21:17-40

Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday - Ladies Bible study 10am with Becky Shearer- "Hebrews"

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study 6:30pm

Thursday Precept Bible study on "Titus" at 8:15am - Margaret Was

The offering box is in the back of the sanctuary

MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

Westminster Catechism

Q. 8. How doth God execute His decrees?

God executeth His decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to His infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will.

God the Rock of Salvation

Psalm 71 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame.

² Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape;

Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

³ Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You *are* my rock and my fortress.

**⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.**

⁵ For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; *You are* my trust from my youth.

⁶ By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise *shall be* continually of You.

⁷ I have become as a wonder to many, but You *are* my strong refuge.

⁸ Let my mouth be filled *with* Your praise *and with* Your glory all the day.

⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

¹⁰ For my enemies speak against me;

And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together,

¹¹ Saying, "God has forsaken him;

Pursue and take him, for *there is* none to deliver *him*."

¹² O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

¹³ Let them be confounded *and* consumed who are adversaries of my life;

Let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor who seek my hurt.

¹⁴ But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.

¹⁵ My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness

And Your salvation all the day, for I do not know *their* limits.

¹⁶ I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD;

I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.

¹⁷ O God, You have taught me from my youth;

And to this *day* I declare Your wondrous works.

¹⁸ Now also when *I am* old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me,

Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation,

Your power to everyone *who is* to come.

¹⁹ Also Your righteousness, O God, *is* very high,

You who have done great things; O God, who *is* like You?

²⁰ You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

²¹ You shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

²² Also with the lute I will praise You—And Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You,

And my soul, which You have redeemed.

**²⁴My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long;
For they are confounded, For they are brought to shame
Who seek my hurt.**

¹⁷ And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. ¹⁸ On the following *day* Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; ²¹ but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children nor to walk according to the customs. ²² What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. ²³ Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. ²⁴ Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave *their* heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but *that* you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. ²⁵ But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written *and* decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.” ²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them. ²⁷ Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, ²⁸ crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” ²⁹ (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) ³⁰ And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. ³¹ Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. ³² He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³ Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. ³⁴ And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. ³⁵ When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. ³⁶ For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, “Away with him!” ³⁷ Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, “May I speak to you?” He replied, “Can you speak Greek? ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?” ³⁹ But Paul said, “I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people.”

⁴⁰ So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to *them* in the Hebrew language, saying,

You Never Let Go

By Beth and Matt Redman

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back
I know You are near
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus:

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You