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Church of Hamilton

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Matt Schuberth

Preparing Our Hearts

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” - Romans 1:17

* Call to Worship: Psalm 130:1-5

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Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

People: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

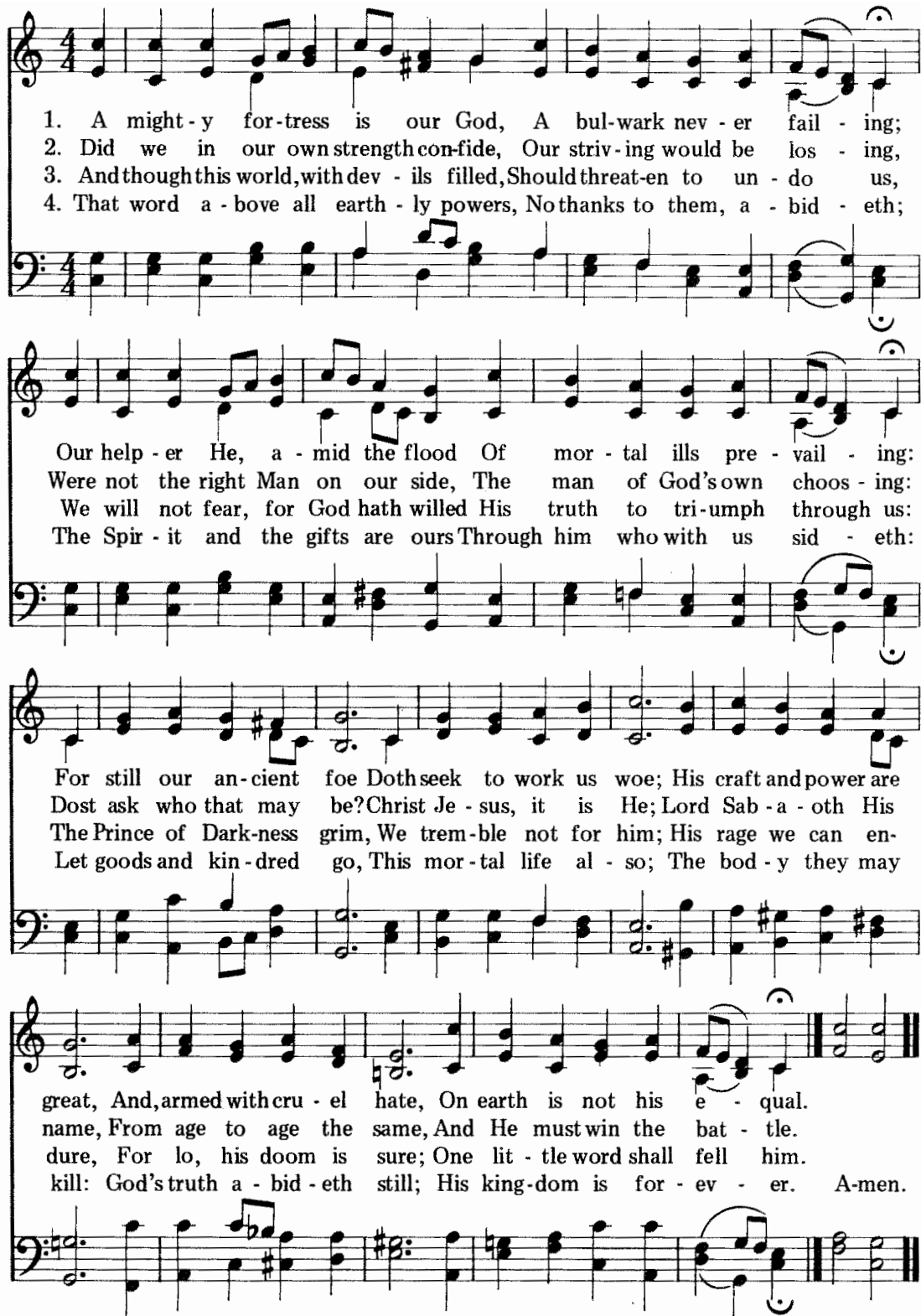
Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Unison: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

COMING WITH PRAISE

* Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:
 Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing:
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth:

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

* Invocation

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*** Song of Response: How Great Is Our God**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Then sings my soul,
My savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art! (repeat)

Children's Message

Craig Story

Please accompany children forward for the message, then take the elevator to the lower-level classroom to check into Little People's Church (ages 4 to grade 1)

DRAWING NEAR FOR PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-5

Susan Gross (8:30), Cece Gough (11:00)

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest.

Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.

Prayer for Our Church Family

Susan Gross (8:30), Cece Gough (11:00)

Offertory: The Old Rugged Cross

Yuka Langlais, *flute*

Under His wings I am safely abiding.
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,
still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me.
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

Refrain:

*Under His wings, under His wings,
who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
safely abide forever.*

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
there I find comfort, and there I am blest. *[Refrain]*

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me.
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore. *[Refrain]*

*** Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The Tightrope of the Good Life"*
Habakkuk 2:1-5

Pastor Kevin Baird

*** Song of Praise: Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Chorus

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne (*Chorus*)

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*** Nicene Creed**

Pastor Kevin Baird

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, begotten not made;
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven;
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man.
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered and was buried,
And on the third day he rose again according to the scriptures.
And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Corporate Confession

Pastor Kevin Baird

People: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done
those things which we ought not to have done.
And there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises in Christ Jesus, our
Lord. Grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly
and righteous life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

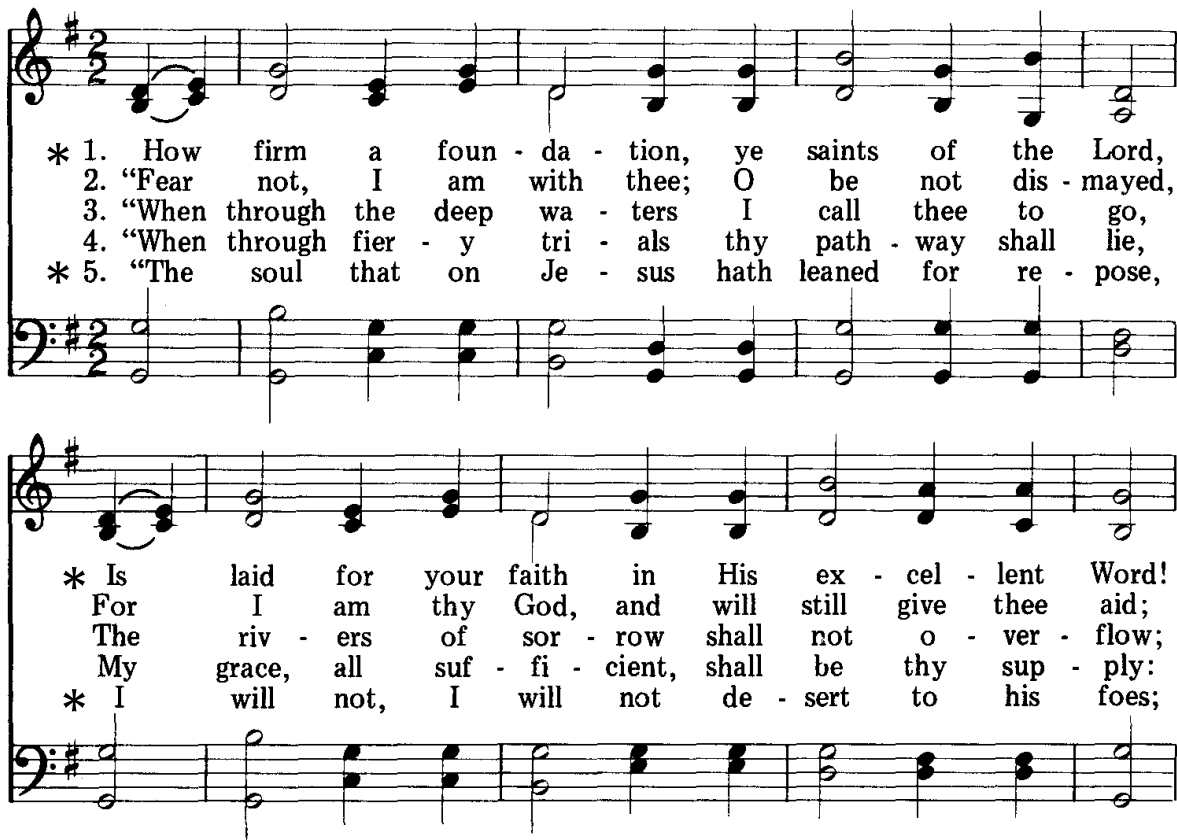
Assurance of Pardon

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Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Pastor Oli van Ruth

* **Song of Worship:** How Firm a Foundation (*verses 1 and 5*)



* 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
* 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

* Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
* I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

* What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 * That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

* To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 * I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!" A - men.

*** Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Kevin Baird

Postlude

Our Ministry Leaders will be available at the front for prayer after the service:

Susan Gross (8:30), Elder, and Cece Gough (11:00)

John Clark (8:30) and Kornilios Lazaridis (11:00), Deacons

Announcements

Signup for events



- **Fall New Members Class:** Join us today for our first session from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Wigglesworth-Cutler House.
- **Women's Gathering at the Post:** Come connect and enjoy a night out with the women of our church at the Post restaurant (16 Bay Road, Hamilton) on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. Hosted by Women's Ministry.
- **Pumpkin Donations:** Donate your leftover smelly pumpkins to our annual high school event, The Great Pumpkin Smash!, on Tuesday, November 3. Leave pumpkins by the Wigglesworth-Cutler House porch.
- **Annual Meeting Preparation:** We'll have an informational Zoom session on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 pm to prepare for our Annual Meeting, which will take place on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.
- **LifeShare Dresser Project:** This year's dresser project recipient is a mom who is a full-time student in need of many items for her baby boy, born in June. Please help fill the dresser, which is located in the hallway of the Meetinghouse, by choosing a tag of the item(s) you would like to purchase. Place your unwrapped gift in the dresser by November 15. Direct questions to LuBeth Kuemmerle, lubethkuemmerle@gmail.com.

November Events | For details, scan the QR code above.

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| 1815 | New Members Class 9:45 to 10:45 am, Wigglesworth-Cutler Living Room |
| 2 | Women's Night at the Post 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Post at 16 Bay Rd, South Hamilton |
| 29 | Alpha Course 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall |
| 3 | High School Pumpkin Smash 7:00 to 8:45 pm, Ministry Center Lawn |
| 4 | Annual Meeting Zoom Preparation 7:00 pm, online
Middle School Fall Party 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall |
| 7 | Church Family Board Game Night 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall |
| 15 | LifeShare Dresser Project Ends Place your unwrapped gift in the dresser today! |
| 16 | Annual Meeting 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall |
| 21 | Front Porch Stories 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Barn |
| 2330 | Alpha Course 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall |
| 25 | Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm, Meetinghouse Sanctuary |

New to Our Church?

Welcome! We're glad you could join us this morning! If you have questions, please ask an usher.

For families, we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery serves infants through age 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program serves children ages 4 through grade 1. LPC meets following the Children's Message. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sermon Notes for children are available downstairs at the Welcome Desk.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am. Classes are found throughout our campus in this building, the Meetinghouse; the Ministry Center (MC) and the Barn. The Barn and Ministry Center are located across the parking lot.

- Infants, preschool, and kindergarten-age children gather in the Meetinghouse downstairs.
- Elementary ages meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center.
- Middle schoolers meet in the Ministry Center in Room 11.
- High schoolers meet in the Barn.
- Adult
 - *Economics and the Bible* with Dr. Sean McDonough, Dr. Glenn Butner, Dr. Robert Gough, Jr., Chapel (behind the sanctuary)
 - *The Church, the Spirit, and Union with Christ* with Dr. Jack Davis, MC Room 22
 - *Forgiveness* with Dr. Eckhard Schnabel, MC Room 21
 - *Exploring Your Marriage* with Priscilla Masterson, NP; Pastor Kevin Baird, Dr. David Horn, MC Room 23/24

For large-print Bibles, please see an usher.

If you need prayer after the service, an Elder and Deacon are available to pray with you at the front.

Join us for coffee and tea after both services in Fellowship Foyer.



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