

Happiness: Not a do-it-yourself project! Charles Fortner

The Declaration of Independence says that one of our human rights is the Pursuit of Happiness. And O, how we do pursue it! The great tennis champion, John McEnroe said this in his autobiography:

"On October 1, 1984, I was standing in the Portland airport, waiting to board a flight to LA for a week off, and suddenly I thought, I'm the greatest tennis player who ever lived - why am I so empty inside? Except for the French, and one tournament just before the Open in which I had been basically over-tennis'd, I won every tournament I played in 1984: thirteen out of fifteen. Eighty-two out of eighty-five matches. No one has since. It wasn't enough. The feeling had

been building up for awhile. I'd been number one for four years, and I never felt especially happy."

The Bible is full of counsel about how to find happiness. Here is a sample.

"Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD." Deut. 33:29

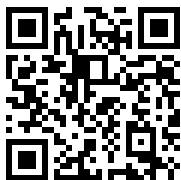
"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity." Psalm 32:1-2

"Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house." Psalm 65:4

Events

TODAY Hawfields 3 PM
TODAY Contemporary
Music Service 5:30 PM
8/9 Ken & Kath Ashcroft
7:15 PM
8/12 Senior Breakfast
9 AM
8/13 SS Gavin Billings -
Campus Outreach Update

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Opening Hymn

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise

we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.

Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant
from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

(Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-17, page 826

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Preparatory

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.

(Refrain) 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.

(Refrain)

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;
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Refrain 2x)

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Michael Lopes

Opening Hymn

And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace,
humbled Himself so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amen

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Scripture Reading

Revelation 4:1-2,8-11,5:6-14,
page 1030

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free fixed on His own eternally
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove long as He lives, His own He'll love

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety
Twas love that took their cause in hand and love maintains it to the end

(Chorus) Love cannot from its post withdraw

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law

Can turn the Surety's heart away

He'll love His own to endless day

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood and love will bring them safe to God
Love calls them all from death to life and love will finish all their strife

He loves through every changing scene nor aught from Him can Zion wean
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart

(Chorus) Love cannot from its post withdraw

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law

Can turn the Surety's heart away

He'll love His own to endless day

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love in endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove
Which never could from them remove

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Sermon

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