

St. James Worship Service



10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

Serving Today

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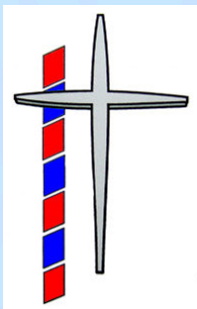
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Today's Music

796	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
788	<i>If God My Lord Be for Me</i>
815	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>

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How Firm a Foundation

**1. How firm a foundation,
O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in Christ Jesus, the Word!**

**What more can he say
than to you he has said
who unto the Savior
for refuge have fled?**

**2. “Fear not, I am with you,
oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God
and will still give you aid;**

**I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand."**

**3. “When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient,
shall be your supply.**

**The flames shall not hurt you;
I only design
your dross to consume
and your gold to refine.”**

**4. “Throughout all their lifetime
my people shall prove
my sov’reign, eternal,
unchangeable love;**

**and then, when gray hairs
shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still
in my bosom be borne.”**

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

788

If God My Lord Be for Me

**1. If God my Lord be for me,
I may a host defy;
for when I pray, before me
my foes, confounded, fly.**

**If Christ, my head and master,
befriend me from above,
what foe or what disaster
can drive me from his love?**

**2. I build on this foundation,
that Jesus and his blood
alone are my salvation,
the true, eternal good.**

**Without him all that pleases
will vain and empty prove.
The gifts I have from Jesus
alone are worth my love.**

**3. Christ is my splendor,
my sun, my light, alone;
were he not my defender
before the judgment throne,**

**I never should find favor
and mercy in God's sight,
but be destroyed forever
as darkness by the light.**

**4. For joy my heart is ringing;
all sorrow disappears;
and full of mirth and singing,
it wipes away all tears.**

**The sun that cheers my spirit
is Jesus Christ, my king;
the heav'n I shall inherit
makes me rejoice and sing.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr.
Richard Massie, 1800-1887, adapt.

815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the
world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

**Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my
path,**

and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

**When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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