- c. The Lord's Response
- d. Israel's Depravity
- e. Testimony of Goodness
- 4. A TIME OF SPECIFIC PRAYER (63:15 64:12)
  - a. Israel's Plea
  - b. Isaiah's Reality
  - c. God's Sovereign Providence



Closing – Congregational Singing: "He Will Hold Me Fast"
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#### VERSE 1

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.

### CHORUS

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

#### VERSE 2

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.

[sing CHORUS]

#### VERSE 3

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! [sing CHORUS]

# Closing Thoughts and Benediction

Jerry Birkholz

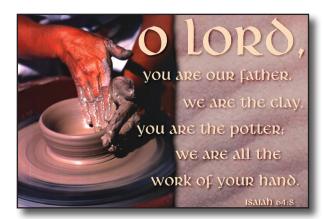


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SERVICE AND SERMON SHEET for the Worship Service of First Baptist Church January 8, 2023

Welcome Ken Hunt

# Call to Worship

Aaron Blumer

Congregational Singing: "How Firm a Foundation" Hymn 408
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#### VERSE 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the LORD, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

#### VERSE 2

"Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

## VERSE 3

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

## VERSE 34

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 64:1-8

Michael Teachout

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Offertory — Congregational Singing: "Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near"

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VERSE 1

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, Your Savior's gracious promise hear. His faithful Word you can believe, That as your days your strength shall be.

VERSE 2

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, And if the conflict should be long The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be.

CHORUS

So sing with joy, afflicted one. The battle's fierce but the victory's won. God shall supply all that you need. Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

VERSE 3

Should persecution rage and flame, Still trust in your Redeemer's name. In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be. [sing CHORUS]

VERSE 4

When called to bear your weighty cross
Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
Or deep distress, or poverty –
Still, as your days your strength shall be.
[sing CHORUS]

Congregational Singing: "Have Thine Own Way, LORD" Hymn 591 Text, Adelaide A. Pollard (1906); Music, George C. Stebbins. © Public Domain.

VERSE 1

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.

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Mold me and make me after Thy will While I am waiting, yielded and still.

VERSE 2

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today. Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

verse 3

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray. Power – all power – surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

VERSE 4

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always living in me!

Message

Jerry Birkholz

# Behold Your God: Demonstrating Mercy in the Day of Wrath Isaiah 63-64

- 1. Review In the context of the Anointed One (Isaiah 61-63)
- 2. A Day of Vengeance Described (63:1-6)
  - a. Question #1: Who is this?
  - b. The Answer
  - c. Question #2: Why is clothing red?
  - d. The Answer
- 3. An Expression of Mercy to Balance the Vengeance (63:7-14)
  - a. The Balancing
  - b. The Lord's Reminder