

April 15th, 2018



CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

The Old Testament, an overview

Esther, God's Deliverance

Text: The Book of Esther

Responsive reading: Psalm 139:13-24

Songs for 11am:

- 599 Before the Throne of God Above
- 528 Be Still My Soul
He Will Hold Me Fast
- 529 It Is Well With My Soul

Hold Fast

Hold fast: remain tightly secured

[He Will Hold Me Fast](#)—click to listen

This hymn was written by Ada R. Ha-ber-shon, and was originally set to music by Robert Harkness; however, we will be singing a new musical setting by Matthew Merker from Capitol Hill Baptist Church. Robert Harkness was a hymnwriter and composer in the early 1900's. He attended a revival meeting in Canada and encountered a young man dealing with the fear that he would not be able to "hold out." He had recently been saved, but was concerned that he could not "finish the race." Mr. Harkness mentioned this man in a letter to Ada Habershon, and also mentioned the need for a song which would give "definite assurance of success in the Christian life." Mrs. Habershon took that thought and inspiration, and wrote seven songs. One of them was He Will Hold Me Fast.

It is an amazing reminder that we have our hope and eternal security in a God who will not let us go. The love of Christ, evidenced by His sacrifice, assures us of this hope and truth. Regardless of what we've done or what we will do, Christ will hold us fast. There is nothing that can be done to pull His love from us.

This information is taken from the Blog of Redemption Hill Church.

*And I give unto them
eternal life; and they
shall never perish,
neither shall any man
pluck them out of my
hand.*

-John 10:28

*And this is the
Father's will which
hath sent me, that of
all which he hath
given me I should lose
nothing, but should
raise it up again at the
last day.*

-John 6:39