

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

November 11, 2018 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements

We are thankful for our Veterans of the Armed Forces

Hymn 809 "God of Our Fathers"
Scripture Reading Psalm 91 responsively Ron Mock
Prayer
Hymn Favorites of our Veterans
Pastoral Prayer
Message THE TRIUNE GOD
Hymn 55 "Bless His Holy Name"
Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday- 6:30 pm
Tuesday Precept at 6:30pm on I Timothy-Wendy Baldwin teaching
No Tuesday Bible study at 7pm. Pastor Cal teaching
Wednesday Choir Practice at 7pm
No Thursday Precept at 9:15 on the book of Revelation with Margaret Was
Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching
Ladies of Grace Saturday at 2:30 for "Feasting on Gratitude"

Ladies Luncheon Today! Sunday Nov. 11th at 12:30 after 2nd service

Please see LeeAnn regarding the Christmas Boxes!!!

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30pm

Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God

91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² **I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."**

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ **He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**

⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ **Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.**

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.

⁸ **Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰ **No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;**

¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

¹² **In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

¹⁴ **"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.**

¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation."**

STORY OF GOD OF OUR FATHERS

At 11 AM on November 11, 1918, the war to end all wars ended. Called “The Great War” because it involved so many countries, the name was changed to “World War I” after the same countries just 20 years later engulfed the world in a much greater conflict. America entered the war to bring it to an end, and yet we found that the allies we helped had made secret agreements that prevented a just and lasting peace from being attained.

God of Our Fathers is the hymn of focus today as it had become a national hymn by the time of the First World War. Unlike other countries, our national hymns center themselves on the attributes of God, and on His many blessings to this land.

Daniel Crane Roberts, the author of this hymn, was born on Long Island in New York, but went to college in Ohio. When the Civil War started, he joined the Union Army, and after the war became an ordained pastor.

When the nation was preparing to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1876, Roberts was serving as rector of the Episcopal Church in Brandon, Vermont. He wrote this hymn for that little town’s celebration. They sang it to a tune called “Russian Hymn.”

Some years later, the Episcopal Church decided to publish a new hymnal and invited input. Roberts submitted this hymn for consideration, but was so uncertain of its worth that he did so anonymously. He was surprised when the committee elected to include it in the hymnal, and at that time made his name known. The hymnal was published in 1892.

But while that hymnal was still in process, the nation was preparing to celebrate the centennial of the adoption of the United States Constitution. George William Warren, the organist for St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City, was one of the people involved in those preparations. He became aware of this hymn because of his work with the hymnal project. The planners for the national celebration decided to adopt the hymn for official use, but could hardly countenance the use of a hymn sung to a tune called “Russian Hymn” for their national celebration. They asked Warren to write a new tune, and he wrote the tune that we use with this hymn today—entitled “National Hymn.”

Because of its use in that national celebration, the hymn became widely known, and as new hymnals were published, most of them included this hymn. It has been widely sung now for more than a century.