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## "In Times of Trouble, O God of Peace"

A Hymn Festival on Veterans Day

**Cookeville First United Methodist Church**  
**Cookeville, TN**  
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TO THE BEST RESOURCES  
FOR YOUR MINISTRY CONTEXT!**


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## Opening Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Matthew 5:9, Matthew 24:6-7, Revelation 21:1-4

## Reflection - Violence, Death, Humans, and God

## Hymn - My Faith Looks Up To Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my fain - ting heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream,



Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness tum to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sa - vior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me e - ver stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)  
Tune: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



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## Reflection - The History of Veterans Day

### Anthem

#### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.

-- Author, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)

-- Arrangement, Bradley Nelson (2002)

### Prayer Litany for Fallen Veterans

Leader: *"Lord, in your mercy"*

People: **"Hear our prayer"**

Let us pray for those who serve, and with them, pray for peace.

Let us remember those whose lives have been given and taken away, and the sacrifices they have made.

Let us pray for those who, even now, experience sorrow, disability, pain, and the terror of trauma.

Let us offer our lament that the world is not filled with peace and justice, calling on God who always draws near to us and comforts us in distress.

And with those who care for the bereaved, let us remember the hope of God's promise that one day, in God's kingdom of peace, the nations will stand united, and there will be "no more death, or crying or pain."

God of peace: We long for a world where people live in harmony, but we live in a world of fragile peace and bitter conflict. Open our hearts as we remember with gratitude all persons who have offered themselves in the face of conflict, and open our eyes to see the hope of your kingdom to come. In Jesus' name we pray.

**AMEN**

# Hymn - It Is Well With My Soul

C G7 C

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!— my  
 4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

Am Dsus D G C F Dm

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help -  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound and the Lord

G C/E G C Refrain

me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.  
 it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well *it is*  
 shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

G G7 C F C/G G C

*well* with my soul; *with my soul;* it is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873, P.D.  
 Music (VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9 refrain 6.9): Philip P. Bliss, 1876, P.D.

# Reflection - The Psalms

## Hymn - Why This Dark Conspiracy

Choir: Verses 1-4

Congregation: Refrain (below)

C Dm F Gm Dm Am F

Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A Dm Gm Dm A

Lord, have mer - cy! Fool - ish - ly they rid - i - cule  
Al - le - lu - ia! His the hon - or, his the worth,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Now his king - ship ful - ly won,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Prin - ces, peo - ples, heed this call:

Dm A Dm C Dm

God's most wise and right - eous rule. Lord have mer - cy!  
his the na - tions of the earth! Al - le - lu - ia!  
God af - firms him as the Son, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hon - or Christ as Lord of all. Al - le - lu - ia!

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# Reflection - Psalm 13

## Hymn - How Long, O Lord

Dm
Dm(#7)
Dm7
Dm6
Gm7
Bb/C

1 How long, O Lord, will you for-get an an-swer to my  
 2 How long, O Lord, will you for-sake and leave me in this  
 3 How long, O Lord? But you for-give with mer-cy from a-

C/F
F
Em7 Eb9
Dm9
Dm9(#7)
Dm9
G13/D

prayer? No to-kens of your love I see,  
 way? When will you come to my re-lief?  
 bove. I find that all your ways are just,

Gm7
Bb/C C7
Fsus2
F
Em7
A7
Dm

your face is turned a - way from me; I wres-tle with des-pair.  
 My heart is o - ver-whelmed with grief, by e - vil night and day.  
 I learn to praise you and to trust in your un - fail - ing love.

Em7
A7(b5)
1, 2
Dm
G/A
A7
3
Dm

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 Music (HOW LONG 8.6.8.8.6): Christopher Norton (b. 1953) © 1993 HarperCollins Religious, admin.  
 Music Services, Inc.

# Reflection - Psalm 77

## Hymn - I Refused to Be Comforted Easily

*Unison* Cm Fm Cm

1 In com-plete des-per-a-tion and in ut-ter frus-  
2 With my eyes shut in fright and with no hope in  
3 Will God al-ways re-ject me? Will he nev-er re-  
4 Then, at last, I re-mem-bered all the things I'd for-

Fm Cm A<sup>b</sup>maj7 G7sus G7

tra-tion, I called out and God lis-tened to me.  
sight, I was much too dis-tract-ed to speak;  
spect me? Has God's love for me failed ut-ter-ly?  
got-ten, all the won-ders you, Lord, had be-gun.

Fm/G Cm/G Fm/G

Both by day and by night, with hands raised and fists  
I i-ma-gined times past which I knew could-n't  
Has his grace been for-got-ten, has he grudged me com-  
And I saw how mis-for-tune had dis-tract-ed at-

Cm/G Fm/G Csus Cm

tight, I ex-pressed and re-peat-ed my plea.  
last and my heart, will, and bo-dy grew weak.  
pas-sion, does his right hand not strength-en or free?  
ten-tion from your faith-ful-ness in all you've done.



*Refrain* Fm7 B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ maj7 A $\flat$ maj7

1-3 I re - fused to be com - fort - ed eas - i - ly  
4 Now I'm sure that your way is a ho - ly way,

Fm G7 Cm

and the tears of dis - tress made me blind:  
for its pro - gress and path I can see;

Fm7 B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$ maj7

I turned faint when my thoughts went too deep for me  
and I know that your faith - ful - ness in the past

Fm Gm7 Cm

and I groaned when I called God to mind.  
will be real and be pre - sent for me.

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**Anthem - I Choose Love** by Mark Miller

**Scripture - Galatians 5:13-25**

**Hymn - My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)**



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sa - vior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain e - ver spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of hea-ven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899), alt.  
Tune: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)



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# Hymn - Kwake Yesu

G C G

Refrain *Swahili* Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye  
*English* Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

Stanzas  
 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

D Em C

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -  
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my  
 storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

G D G Last time

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.  
 flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood. *To Refrain*  
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise. *To Refrain*  
 fear; in Christ's right - eous - ness I am here. *To Refrain*

# Reflection - A New Heaven, A New Earth

## Hymn - O Day of Peace

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines  
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,

through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;

guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love,  
as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze,

de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.  
a lit - tle child shall lead them all.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love,

our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;

till by God's grace our war - ring world  
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled,

shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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