

Sabbath Moments
A Service of Healing and Wholeness

Sunday, May 17, 2009, 6 p.m.
Southport Presbyterian Church
The Toney Chapel

Standing on Solid Ground

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

(Jesus' words, from Matthew 7:24-27)

Let me stand today –

for whatever is pure and true and just and good:

Today, O Lord –

let me put right before interest:

let me put others before self:

let me put the things of the Spirit before the things of the body:

let me put the attainment of noble ends above the enjoyment of present pleasures:

let me put principle above reputation:

let me put You before all else.

O Thou, the reflection of whose transcendent glory did once appear unbroken in the face of Jesus Christ, give me today a heart like His – a brave heart, a true heart, a tender heart, a heart with great room in it, a heart fixed on Thyself; for His name's sake. Amen.

(From John Baillie, in A Dairy of Private Prayer)

**Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
When they walk through the Valley of Weeping,
it will become a place of refreshing springs.
the autumn rains will clothe it with blessings.**

**They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.**

(Psalm 84:5-7, NIV and NLT)

How Firm a Foundation: A Traditional Hymn by John Rippon

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,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

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

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways 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.

Even down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

**He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
He drew me out of deep waters.
He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
From my foes who were too strong for me....
He brought me out into a spacious place;
He rescued me because he delights in me.**

(Psalm 18:16-17, 19)

God be with you as you enter a new week.