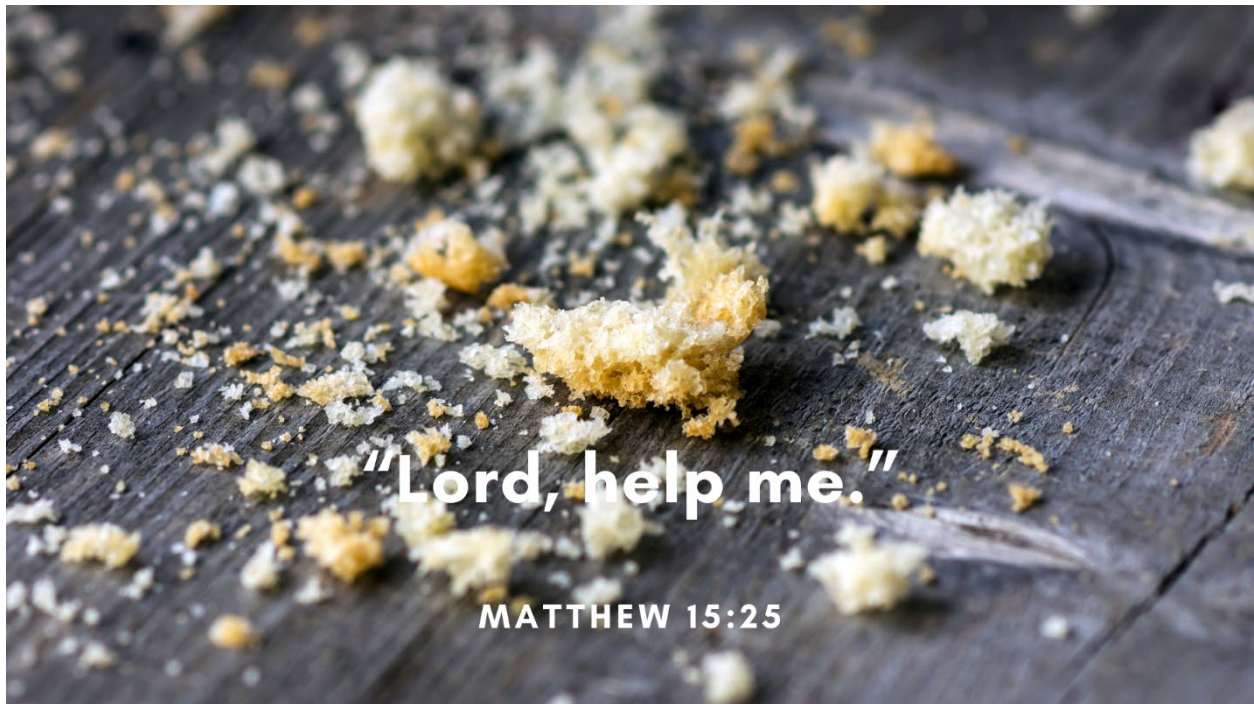


# Faith Lutheran Church Andover, MA

May each person feel **invited** to this community,  
**equipped** to use their gifts to the Glory of God,  
and **sent** to serve.

**Sunday, August 20, 10:00 AM**



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**To all who join us in worship online or in person,  
you are welcome here!**

**We invite you to share the sacrament of holy communion with us.** If you are worshipping online, please prepare by having a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of wine, grape juice, or water at your side. If you are worshipping in person, you will be invited to come forward around the communion table to receive the sacrament.

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If you would like to be added to our weekly email list, which shares upcoming events and activities, sign up on our website: [www.faith-andover.org](http://www.faith-andover.org).

For **pastoral care needs or to chat**, contact Pastor Jen at 978-806-8255 or email [jen@faith-andover.org](mailto:jen@faith-andover.org) or drop in at Caffè Nero in Andover on Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and Noon.

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**Welcome!**

*We pray this time enriches your spiritual life.*





1 For peace in the world, for the  
2 That we may live out your im -  
3 For peace in our hearts, for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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## OPENING PRAYER

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**.....Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** .....Alleluia! Lord and Savior, ELW S205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL READING**.....Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**..... Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** .....My Faith Looks up to Thee, ELW 759

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **PRAYERS**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick, especially Joan, Katie, Ed, Andrew, Laine and Drew, Roland, Ken, Phil, and James. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

For the celebrations and concerns named by this community today (...). Hear us, O God.  
**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**ALL: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be made with cash, check, or online <https://tinyurl.com/fnem2ht6>*



**OFFERTORY** ..... How Can I Keep from Singing? - Robert Lowry, arr. Alfred V. Fedak  
Dawn Colford, mezzo-soprano

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off, hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*  
Text by Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*The assembly stands as able.*

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God,

**ALL: we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

*The preface is a prayer spoken by the presiding minister to introduce the thanksgiving – we might think of it as saying grace before the meal.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**..... Holy Is the Lord [Rock of Ages]  
*Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. As we bow before your throne,  
Majesty and honor to you alone. Majesty and honor to you alone.*

*Worthy are you, Lord. Worthy are you, Lord. Sweet Lamb of God, the chosen One.  
Our lives we gladly lay before your throne. Our lives we gladly lay before your throne.*

*No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world  
For a debt of love we will offer to you.  
We look for the day when every knee will bow.  
We will join with the angels around your throne, and we will sing!*

*Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord.*

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#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to the table for holy communion.

*The assembly is seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*At this time, those gathered at home may share the elements of bread and wine that you have at your home communion table.*

*Those gathered in person will be invited to come forward at the direction of an usher and kneel or stand around the communion table. You will be given a wafer (gluten-free are also available) by the pastor, which you may then consume. An assisting minister will invite you to take a pre-filled cup of white wine or red grape juice, which you may then consume before returning to your seat.*

*If you prefer to stay at your seat and have the pastor bring you communion, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION..... O Lamb of God, ELW S208**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION SONG .....Jesus, What a Beautiful Name [Rock of Ages]**

*The assembly stands as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**..... You Never Let Go [Rock of Ages]

*The assembly is seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



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**PRAYER LIST**

for Joan Lambiaso,  
for Katie Ross,  
for Ed Karp,  
for Kate Robinson's nephew Andrew and his parents, Laine and Drew,  
for Roland Jacobson,  
for the Rohr family, especially Ken,  
for Phil Liaboe and James Lino.

We are a praying congregation. In order to keep our prayer list current,  
please let us know of any additions or changes by email to [prayers@faith-andover.org](mailto:prayers@faith-andover.org).  
We will pray in worship for 3 weeks, unless you tell us otherwise.

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

Assisting Minister: Hermayne Gordon

Reader: Joan Baird

Director of Music: Abby Schoppe

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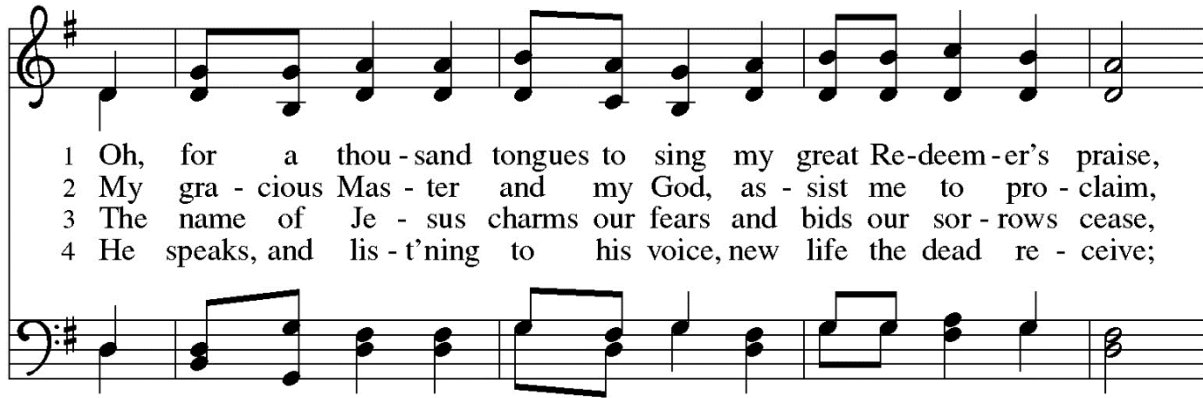
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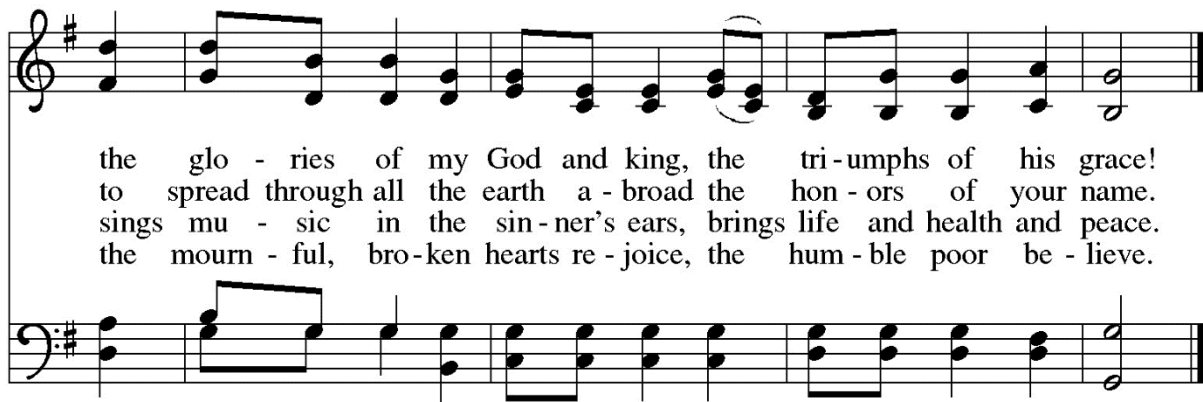
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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing .....ELW 886



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing 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

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

guilt a - way, oh, 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 ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## Jesus, What a Beautiful Name

Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.  
Joy and peace, strength and hope,  
Grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain.  
Love and freedom, life and warmth,  
Grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Rescued my soul, my stronghold, lifts me from shame.  
Forgiveness, security, power and love,  
Grace that blows all fear away.  
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## You Never Let Go

*Verse 1* Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
Your perfect love is casting out fear,  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,  
I won't turn back, I know you are near.

*Pre-chorus* And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

*Chorus:* Oh no, you never let go, through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, you never let go in every high and every low.  
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.

*Verse 2* And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,  
A glorious light beyond all compare,  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,  
We'll live to know you here on the earth.

*Pre-chorus* And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

*Chorus* Oh no, you never let go, through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, you never let go in every high and every low.  
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.

*Bridge* Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,  
Still I will praise you, still I will praise you.

*Bridge* Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,  
Still I will praise you, still I will praise you.

*Chorus* Oh no, you never let go, through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, you never let go in every high and every low.  
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.

*Chorus* Oh no, you never let go, through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, you never let go in every high and every low.  
Oh no, you never let go, Lord, you never let go of me.

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