**Virtual Choir Project – MPC Summer 2020**

**Song Title:** *He Will Hold Me Fast*

**Who:** Any singer in McLean Presbyterian or Capital Pres Fairfax. We are excited to hear you and include you in this church-wide project!

**Recording Submission Date:** July 20 (can be flexible, so ask for an extension)

**Questions:** [pam@mcleanpres.org](mailto:pam@mcleanpres.org) Pam Burns will be coordinating this project and will be happy to answer questions.

**Guidelines:**

1. Follow these instructions carefully for the best possible recording.
2. Practice the piece, while listening to the recording in your **headphones** or **earbuds**. This is a recording of the piano accompaniment, and Pam Burns singing the vocal parts. The printed music is included on the following pages. Men, you may sing the melody or one of the harmonies if you prefer.

1. Be sure to release each phrase exactly on time. If you have to breathe in the middle of a phrase, do not put consonants on your release, and make your ‘S’s’ very soft.
2. You’ll have to play it on one device and record on another, phones or computers are fine for either. You can record a video on your phone or on photobooth or similar on your computer.
3. Make a few recordings so you can get the best position of your computer or phone for sound and image. Your body should be head and shoulders only, no lower, so you fill most of the screen yourself. There should be VERY little space that is not filled with your head/shoulders. This is really important, so that all the videos are roughly the same size.
4. Wear a solid-colored shirt, any color. Have a totally white background, no pictures on the wall or furniture in view
5. Try to stay exactly in time with the recording in your ear, while recording your voice.
6. Use a well-lit area so your face is visible. Consider having the sheet music just beyond you so you appear to be looking at the camera of your device. Be sure you have an expression on your face that matches what you are singing.
7. At the end, be still for five seconds before moving or turning off the recorder.
8. With this link, you can send me your recording of "He Will Hold Me Fast." Click the button and then choose your recording file to upload.

<https://mcleanpres-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/pam_mcleanpres_org/ErAJI9S5fAFMi3XCOJKMk-EBtmpv6V-raRfY1h1eollqSA>

1. Name your recording with first and last name before sending.