

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
Ray Beale	Sound
Barbara Wilkins	Security, side door and offering
Kim Meadows	Greeter
Harriet Beale and Joan Reynolds	Sunday School

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“Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord

Dana Mengel

Lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee my God, I commune as friend with friend.

The lyrics of this anthem are deeply familiar to most Protestant Christians. Fanny J. Crosby was a prolific hymnwriter, publishing over eight thousand hymns and gospel songs. She was called the “Queen of Gospel Songwriters” and “Mother of modern congregational singing in America.” She also published over a thousand poems in four volumes, along with two autobiographies. Fanny was blind since early infancy, and her condition certainly inspired much of her writing. Her blindness also opened the door to an exceedingly wonderful education for a woman of her time at the New York Institute for the Blind. Fanny’s life was full of accomplishments – notably she was the first woman to speak in the US Senate in 1843 when she recited a poem there in support of publicly funded education for the blind. She was remembered as an overly generous woman, giving away anything not absolutely needed for daily life. “Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine,” – what a beautiful prayer to recite throughout the week. May we recognize the endless hope we have in Christ and seek God’s will continuously.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we live in an angry world of increasingly angry people, where our lives are filled with change and transition, and we seem to be moving into a dangerous society that does not resemble a world we once knew. More and more Father, we feel a need to cling ever more closely to You, with each passing day, knowing that You are a God Who never changes towards us.

Help us to fix our hearts and minds on Your eternal and unchanging truth and to wash ourselves daily in the cleansing flood of the water of the Word.

Protect us we pray, from those that would seek to undermine our trust in You and may we patiently endure the hardships that we may be called upon to face. Develop in me a true attitude of praise and worship, no matter what the circumstances, and help me I pray, to build myself up in the faith, looking for the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

No matter what difficulties and dangers I may have to face, I pray that in all things, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, I may draw ever closer to you, with a genuine attitude of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have done in my life. In Jesus' name I pray,

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

The Psalmist says: But I trust in you, O Lord, I say 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.” In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God’s blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE*“Gloria Patri”**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be**World without end. Amen. Amen.***A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES***(Children should come forward for a blessing as they leave with their teachers)***CALL FOR THE OFFERING****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

With these gifts, we give you thanks, O God. We bless your generous, humble spirit, and ask that you bless these gifts with this same generous, humble spirit, so that all who receive these gifts may also receive your love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

P.P. Bliss/Berry

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**ANTHEM***“Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord”* D. Mengel/F.J. Crosby**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 52:13–53:3, John 12:20–50 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SERMON***“The Glory of God”***RESPONSE TO THE WORD****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

HYMN:*“Fairest Lord Jesus”***GTG#630****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***“Fantasie”*

J. Pachelbel

BENEDICTION