HYMNS

I Am Thine, O Lord

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.

Chorus

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

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!

[Chorus]

There are depths of love that I yet may know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I yet may reach Ere I rest in peace with Thee.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Amen.

[Chorus]

Sunday Worship Service Preview ~ February 28, 2021 - 10 AM Online Rev. William S. Trump Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician Brett Hankso, Baritone

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As followers of Jesus Christ,
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to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

February 21, 2021 ~ 10:00 am / First Sunday in Lent

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THE PRELUDE

A Reflection on the Cross

arr. by Heather Sorenson

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

WELCOME

Rev. William S. Trump

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Walsh

The Lord lives, blessed is my rock! High above all is the God who saves me.

He set my feet upon a rock and gave me a firm footing.

And on my lips He put a new song -- a song of praise to our God.

Happy are they who put their trust in the Lord!

HYMN (see page 4)

I Am Thine, O *Lord* Kim Porter, Soprano

I AM THINE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We acknowledge, Lord, Your eternal wisdom in setting aside a day for worship and rest. If we were left to ourselves we would probably use this day like any other. But you, O God, have called us to set apart this time, to be refreshed in body, mind and spirit; to worship with our families and friends. We thank you for Your guidance and the strengthening of our spirits. We ask that You help us to feel Your guiding presence now in this time of worship. Hear us as we pray together. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S STORY

Tonia Wallner and Rev. Trump

THE LESSON (See insert) 1 Peter 3:8-22

SOLO Fix Me Jesus Traditional African-American

Kim Porter, Soloist arr. by David Neff

THE MESSAGE "A Big Happy Family" Rev. Trump

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SOLO There is a Balm in Gilead/ arr. by Cathy Stamegna What a Friend We Have in Jesus

HYMN (see page 4) Be Thou My Vision

INSTRUMENTAL BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE At the Name of Jesus setting by Michael Bedford

SLANE

The flowers are given by Jill & Jack Bruss in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary.

Caring Corner

As of February 15, 2021

Born to Eternal Life

Richard Jacobus, who passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

In Our Prayers

Jeff Daly, who is recovering at home with a broken ankle.

Mary Beth Stevenson and family, as they mourn the passing of Mary Beth's mother, Judith R. Stevenson, on February 13th.

Andrew Meser, son of John & Tracy Meser, who was injured in a skiing accident, is recovering at home. He is the grandson of Jeff & Retta Meser.

LESSON: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For . . .

"Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times

did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.