



Nearer, My God, to Thee Prelude

instrumental

words by Sarah Flower Adams music by Lowell Mason

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven; all that thou sendest me, in mercy given; angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise, out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise; so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Welcome Pastor Michael Anderson

Greeting

Ashley Vroegindewey Serving in Niger

Silent meditation

Romans 6:15-18

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-5

Elder Gary Knapp

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

* Litany for Reformation Day

Elder We continue to reap the benefits of the Reformation to this very day. The five Solas summarize God's gracious way of salvation! *Sola Scriptura: by scripture alone.*

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16)

Elder Sola Gratia: by grace alone

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

Elder Sola Fide: by faith alone

All For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Elder Solus Christus: Christ alone

All Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Elder Soli Deo Gloria: glory to God alone

All For from him and through him and to him, are all things, to him be glory forever.

Amen. (Romans 11:36)

^{*} Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Luke 5:8b

"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:8, 11

...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.... We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reception of New Members and Baptism 11:15

Lucas & Sarah Mooibroek

Penny Linda Mooibroek

8:30 service:

On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer

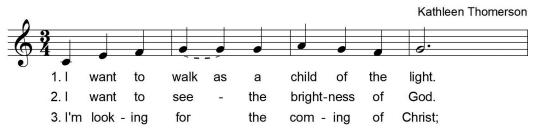
to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service

Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds

who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

* I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light





GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

I John 1:5-10; 2:1-6

1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light,

and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in

darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the

light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us

from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from

all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is

not in us.

^{2:1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the

propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the

truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk

in the same way in which he walked.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon The Darkness Within

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Main Idea – Because believers are invited into Fellowship with the God (wk. 1) of light and love (wk. 2) through the propitiatory work of the Son (wk. 3) and the anointing of the Spirit (wk. 4), a fellowship we can rest assured in (wk. 7) by means of the word of God proclaimed (wk. 5) and made manifest in fellowship with the body of Christ (wk. 6) - because all this is true - we must understand and resist the darkness within.

A Permeating Darkness

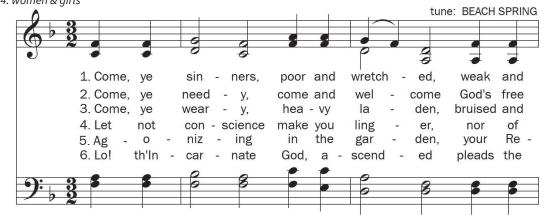
A Lingering Darkness

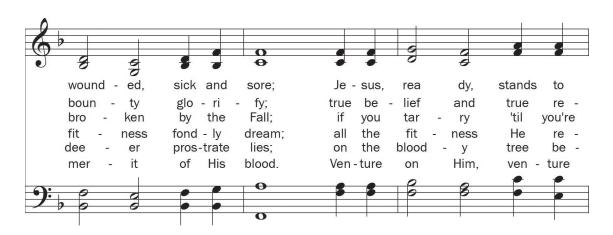
A Luminescent Darkness

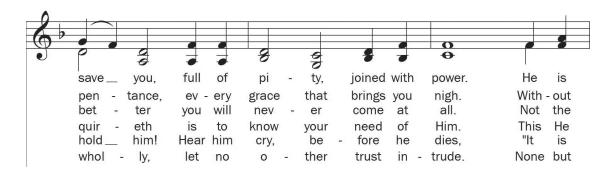
DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Come, Ye Sinners

Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6: all Verse 3: men & boys Verse 4: women & girls









Sending

Scott Gritter, Greg & Ginnie Stawicki, Jim & Kimberly Visser Serving in Japan

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Deacon Paul Lammers

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Offertory My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures you won't walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea

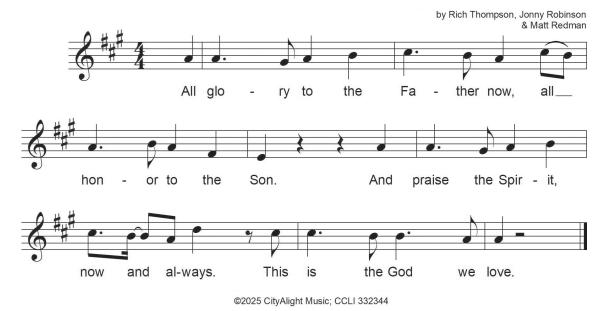
In the silence, you won't let go In the questions, your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness; I will follow you My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore by Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn of Rend Collective

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms

* The God We Love (Nicene Creed chorus)



* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and wave the colorful flags as we sing our closing Amen song.

* Let the Church Say Amen





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* Postlude

Worship musicians

Chantale Van Tassel, song leader Grace Cheong, song leader & violin Alisha Start, violin Rachel Morales, soprano recorder David Bading, alto recorder Karen Kooistra, harp Susan Guerra, piano & viola