



MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 12, 2025 . 12:00 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Reverie from Suite Sebastienne

Thomas H. Kerr
(1915-1988)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

People: Our God is in the heavens; whatever God pleases, God does.

Minister: Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

People: They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

Minister: Nations who make idols are like them;

People: So are all who trust in them.

Minister: O Israel, trust in the Lord!

People: The Lord is their help and their shield.

Adapted from *Psalm 115*

HYMN 128 *

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He Leadeth Me

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor
 4. And when my task on earth is done, when

words with heaven - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, when
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er
 by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by

his own hand he lead - eth me; his faith - ful fol - lower

I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

All: Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone and afraid. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and fear. When you do not immediately answer our cries, we begin to doubt you are really there. In such times, make us aware of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when our fear prevents us from drawing closer to you and to one another. Quiet our minds so that we may listen for your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you place before us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Hear the good news: Day by day, God offers us mercy and hope. Moment to moment, we are surrounded by God's never-ending love. God takes our broken-hearted prayers and crafts them into words of grace, joy, and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Luke 5:27-32

† following the reading

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Love Rocks

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Great is Thy Love, adapted from *Martha*

Friedrich von Flotow
(1812-1883)

Great is Thy love, greater still Thy grace, giving Earth second birth,
sinners to embrace. Beauty is Thine, every flower divine, every song,
and every star. Even I am a part of Thy great and loving heart, I am
guided today by Thy spirit in Thy way. I am new, I am bold, I have cast
away the old. Stay with me, take my hand, keep me free! Oh lead me
now and keep me free! Great is Thy love, greater still Thy grace, even
I Death defy, in Thy grand embrace. Nothing on Earth, nothing in
the stars, will ever keep me from Thy love. Lord, I pray that from this
day, I'll follow Thee in word and deed. Grant me the voice that I may
rejoice and tell the world that I am Thine. Thy love, Thy bountiful
love – all is mine!

William K. Brehm and Loretta Giles

William Green, *tenor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 419 *

I Am Thine, O Lord

I Am Thine

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the
3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a
fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with
cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I

arms of faith and be clos - er drawn to thee.
stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain
Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the
near - er, near - er,

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

BLESSING *

All: O Christ, We pause amidst the labors of this day to remember the best reason for our laboring, for we labor as stewards of Your creation, and as stewards of the gifts You have apportioned to each of us for the good of all. Bless the work of our hands and minds and hearts, O God, that it might bear fruit for Your greater purposes.

If our hearts have already been tempted this day to believe anything about ourselves or others that does not take into account Your creation, mercy, sacrifice, grace, and unshakeable love, O God, remind us again of these truths. Give us faith to believe.

Now, grant us strength and grace, O God, sufficient to the remains of the day, that we might move through its unfolding in humble obedience to Your will, in sensitivity to Your Spirit, and in joyful expectancy of Your coming kingdom. Illuminate our paths through these next hours we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Adapted from *Every Moment Holy*

Minister: Go now and may the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir Glauben all in eine Gott

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Preaching: Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Music: Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*

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