

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.
*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.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
 By the power of grace divine;
 Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
 And my will be lost in Thine.
*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.*

(please be seated)

SERMON

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

Gospel Community, Part 1
 Philippians 3:12-4:1

BENEDICTION

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ON THE PLATFORM THIS MORNING:

In an effort to make our leaders better known to the congregation, these leaders are sitting on the platform this morning. Those marked with * will be available following the service to greet you and to give you spiritual assistance. From left to right:

- *Cole Huffman Senior Pastor
- Ron Man Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence
- *Shawn Wilkins Elder

Worship leaders: *The Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Greg Luscombe, trombone

DRAW ME NEARER

SCRIPTURAL INVITATION

Hebrews 7:23-25

SONG OF GATHERING

(all, standing)

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
 Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
 His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
 Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

GOD AT WORK

Global Missions Conference
 Pradip Ayer, Missions Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

INTERLUDE

G. F. Handel

SUNG PRAYER

(all, standing)

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest."
Shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest."

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
Naught as an offering to Jesus my King.
Only my sinful, now contrite heart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last.
'Til safe in glory my anchor is cast.
Through endless ages, ever to be,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee!
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee!

Nearer still nearer, close to Thy heart.

WORDS OF CONFIDENCE

Hebrews 10:19-23

(all)

Leader: Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy places
by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us
through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great
priest over the house of God,

People: **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Leader: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

People: **for He who promised is faithful.**

HYMN OF CONFIDENCE

(all)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

PRAYER OF CONFIDENCE

Shawn Wilkins, Elder

RESPONSE OF CONFIDENCE

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.
*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*
*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

(please be seated)

CHORAL MEDITATION

(choir)

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,
Even 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.

O, let the way appear, leading to heaven,
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given.
Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.
Age after age to be, nearer, my God to Thee!
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

WORDS OF ASPIRATION

(from Valley of Vision)

(all, standing)

O God, Thou art very great,
I am unworthy, but Thou dost welcome;
guilty, but Thou art merciful;
indigent, but Thy riches are unsearchable.
Thou hast shown boundless compassion towards me
by not sparing Thy Son,
and by giving me freely all things in Him;
This is the foundation of my hope,
the refuge of my safety,
the new and living way to Thee.