

# CLASSIC SERVICE

First Evangelical Church

June 11, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

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## Draw Me Nearer Lift Me Higher



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### SCRIPTURAL INVITATION

Colossians 3:1-4

### SONG

*(choir)*

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.  
May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

### WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

### GOD AT WORK

Women's Ministry  
Kassie Sanborn, Kelly Ford, *Girls' Getaway*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### INTERLUDE

W. A. Mozart

### SONGS OF HOPE

*(choir, then all, standing)*

He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it, He'll be faithful to complete it;  
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

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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.*

## WORDS OF HOPE

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; 2 Corinthians 9:8; 3:5

*(all)*

Leader: To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power,

People: **so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

People: **Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.**

## HYMN OF HOPE

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."  
*Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland,*  
*A higher plane than I have found—Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.  
*Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland;*  
*A higher plane than I have found—Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

## PRAYER OF HOPE

Mickey Bowdon, Elder

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*(choir, then all)*

Lord we want to know You,  
Live our lives to show You  
All the love we owe You,  
We're seekers of Your heart.

*(please be seated)*

## MEDITATION

*(text for meditation)*

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.

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

## CHORAL PRAYER

*(choir)*

Blest Jesus, while in mortal flesh I hold my frail abode,  
Still would my spirit rest on Thee, my Savior and my God.

On Thy dear cross I fix my eyes, my trust in Thee complete,  
Till love dissolves my inmost soul at my Redeemer's feet.

O, be Thou near me, dear Lord I pray, take all the darkness of sin away.  
I bow before You, give every part. Receive my worship, renew my heart.

Be dead, my heart, to worldly charms, be dead to every sin,  
And tell the boldest foe without that Jesus reigns within.

Blest Jesus, reign within.

## WORDS OF CONFIDENCE

*(all, standing)*

*(from Valley of Vision)*

O LORD OF GRACE,  
The world is before me this day, and I am weak and fearful,  
but I look to Thee for strength;  
If I venture forth alone I stumble and fall,  
but on the Beloved's arms I am firm as the eternal hills;  
If left to the treachery of my heart I shall shame Thy name,  
but if enlightened, guided, upheld by Thy Spirit, I shall bring Thee glory.  
Be Thou my arm to support, my strength to stand, my light to see,  
my feet to run, my shield to protect, my sword to repel, my sun to warm.

My faith is in Thee, my expectation is from Thee,  
My love goes out toward Thee,  
I believe Thee,  
accept Thy Word,  
acquiesce in Thy will,  
rely on Thy promises, trust Thy providence.

I have cast my anchor in the port of peace,  
knowing that present and future are in nail-pierced hands.

## SONG OF CONFIDENCE

*(all, standing)*

**Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place.  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder love and praise.**

## PRAYER

*(please be seated)*

## SERMON

**Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor**

***He Made the Stars Also:  
The Story of the Gospel in Seven Wonders  
All the Light We Now Can See  
John 9:1-41***

## BENEDICTION

### **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

\*Mickey Bowdon, Elder

***Worship Leaders:*** *The Worship Choir*, Anne Russell, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Nerida Herz, flute

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