

GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

My Life Is Richer

SUNDAY

AUG. 25, 2013

The organ prelude marks the beginning of the worship service. It calls us to quiet ourselves and to direct our hearts and minds toward Him.

Prelude	"Jesus Priceless Treasure" by Charity Book Putnam	
Call to Worship	"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" "I Worship You"	Insert
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Hymn	"Close to Thee"	328
Hymn	"Near the Cross"	351
Hymn	"Nearer Still Nearer"	340
Praise and Prayer		John
Music Special	"East to West"	Ian Pointer
In His Word	"A Lesson from Peter"	
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	"Freely, Freely"	Insert

*"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon,
 behold, Satan hath desired to have you,
 that he may sift you as wheat:
 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:
 and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."
 Luke 22:31-32*

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How can I thank her, dear Lord
 For what she did for me today.
 How can I express my sudden release
 Because she genuinely cared.
 It was such a simple gesture, really....
 A friendship card with a single line:
 "My life is richer because of you."

You know, Lord, how numb I felt
 Before the mail arrived.
 Morning came much too soon
 And I awakened weary, depleted.
 For some unaccountable reason
 Our house looked dismal and drab.
 Most of the morning I berated myself
 And fought a losing battle with doubt.
 Then I heard the mailman.

O God, is it really true?
 Is someone's life richer because of me?
 Despite my whimpering
 My defeats, my petty concerns
 Am I usable in Your Kingdom, after all?
 Suddenly, God, I believe that I am!

Forgive me for wasting a glorious morning
 That should have been wrapped in praise.
 Thank You especially for the friend
 Who gathered my scattered emotions
 And fused them into serenity
 Without the slightest awareness of her mission.
 Bless her abundantly, Lord
 And please let her know
 That my life is richer because of her.

Ruth Harms Calkin

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

08/25	Sun.	10:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:30 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		11:45 AM	Morning Worship
08/28	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Services
			Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study
			Adult Study; "The Gospel of Luke"
			Kids Club "Beginner Explorers"
			Tens; "Teen Talk"
09/01	Sun.	2:00PM	Dinner for the Least

Remember soup collection for Metropolitan Ministries.

On the table at the entrance to the sanctuary you will find visitor cards, prayer cards, the attendance register, and the offering box. If you have never completed a visitor card, please complete one and place it in the offering box. If you have completed a visitor card on a previous visit, please register your attendance today by signing the attendance register.

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE

YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH COFFEE . . .

Instant coffee takes too long.

KENTUCKY HISTORY

Kentucky is the horse capitol of the world.

SMILE

My old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" After a while, I figured out how to stop them. I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

I work as a pediatric nurse, and often have the painful job of giving shots to the children. One day upon entering the examining room to give a shot the little girl starting screaming "NO! NO! NO!" "Jessica" her mother scolded, "that is not polite behavior!" At that the girl continued to scream "**NO THANK YOU! NO THANK YOU! NO THANK YOU.**"

I was very scared about going to the eye doctor to get a certain procedure done on my eyes. The doctor tried to put me at ease but to no avail. It was after he finished with my first eye that I nearly jumped out of the chair. "There, there", he said "only one eye left!"...

Did you hear about the guy who lost his whole left side? He's alright now!

PROVERBS FOR LIVING

"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*,
and he that giveth to the rich, *shall surely come to want.*"

Proverbs 22:16

FANNY J. CROSBY, 1820-1915

SILAS J. VALE, 1818-1884

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, More than friend or life to me;
2. Not for ease or world - ly pleas - ure, Nor for fame my pray'r shall be;
3. Lead me thru the vale of shad - ows, Bear me o'er life's fit - ful sea;

Fine
D.S. - All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney, Sav - ior, let me walk with Thee.
D.S. - Glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer, On - ly let me walk with Thee.
D.S. - Then the gate of life e - ter - nal May I en - ter, Lord, with Thee.

REFRAIN *D.S.*
Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee;

FANNY J. CROSBY, 1820-1915

WILLIAM H. DOANE, 1832-1915

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross - There a pre - cious foun - tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its seeme be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

Fine
Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain,
There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.
D.S. - Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest, be - yond the riv - er.

CHORUS *D.S.*
In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er,

Nearer, Still Nearer

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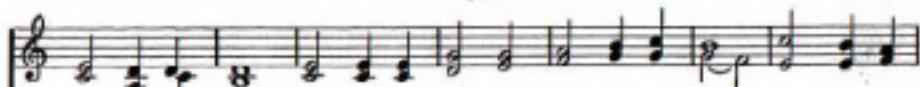
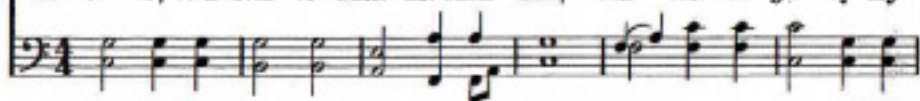
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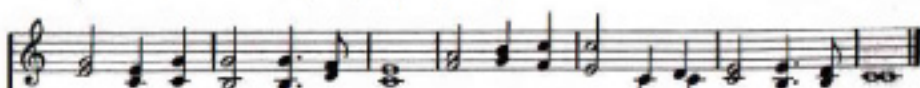
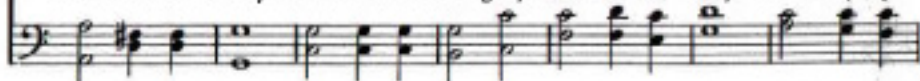
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1. Near-er, still near-er- close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Sav-ior, so
2. Near-er, still near-er- noth-ing I bring, Naught as an of- f'ring to
3. Near-er, still near-er- Lord, to be Thine, Sin with its fol- lies I
4. Near-er, still near-er- while life shall last, Till safe in glo-ry my



pre-cious Thou art; Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, Shel-ter me
Je - sus my King-On - ly my sin-ful, now con-trite heart: Grant me the
glad-ly re - sign- All of its pleas-ures, pomp and its pride: Give me but
an-chor is cast; Thru end-less a - ges, ev - er to be, Near-er, my



safe in that "Ha-ven of Rest," Shel-ter me safe in that "Ha-ven of Rest,"
cleans-ing Thy blood doth im - part, Grant me the cleans-ing Thy blood doth im - part.
Je - sus, my Lord cru - ci - fied, Give me but Je - sus, my Lord cru - ci - fied.
Sav - ior, still near-er to Thee, Near-er, my Sav - ior, still near-er to Thee.



WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You, sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You sacrifices of joy.

I WORSHIP YOU

When I look into your holiness
When I gaze into your loveliness
When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You
When I find the joy of reaching Your heart
When my will becomes enthroned in Your love
When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You
I worship You. I worship You, The reason I live is to worship You
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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO YOU

A happy birthday to you...a happy anniversary to you.
Every day of the year...may you find Jesus near.
A happy birthday to you...a happy anniversary to you.
The best you have ever had

FREELY, FREELY

Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe Others will know that I live.

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(Mat 8:13) And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and **as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

(Mat 9:22) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; **thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

(Mat 9:29) Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.**

(Mar 5:34) And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole;** go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

(Mar 9:23) Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**

(Mar 10:52) And Jesus said unto him, **Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

(Luk 5:20) And **when he saw their faith,** he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

(Luk 7:50) And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee;** go in peace.

(Luk 8:48) And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: **thy faith hath made thee whole;** go in peace.

(Luk 17:19) And he said unto him, **Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

(Luk 18:42) And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: **thy faith hath saved thee.**

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Seek First

O Lord
How futile, how foolish
To attempt to keep up with the Joneses
On the gold-studded ladder of success.
Even if we make it
(Setting high, competitive goals)
We awake one dismal morning
To discover the Smiths have bypassed the Joneses
So it starts again...the goading competition.

God, Your objective is far more rewarding
You want us to "keep up" with Your plan
For our individual lives.
"Seek first the Kingdom of God"
Is Your shining word to us.
Forgive us for moments and days
(Even months)
When our love of money
Has exceeded our love for You.
Please, God
Be our Financial Advisor
And deliver us from a thousand "if only"
May we never be defeated
By the lack of money
Or captivated by the lure of it.

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