



August 13 Newsletter

As this pandemic goes on, it is interesting to see musical responses on the internet. Although for the most part singing and instrumental groups remain silent, some, with technicians, lots of hours, and amazing equipment, manage to sing remotely and have a song posted as if the group were in the same room. The majority of us don't have that capability, and even if we did, it wouldn't be the same as singing together as a group. Everyone seems to understand that in times of isolation and restrictions, uncertainty and concern, music can calm the soul. Blogs, both secular and spiritual, have come up with playlists to help with anxiety during this time. The Gospel Coalition has 70 songs on their site, and it keeps increasing. Others have wonderful playlists on sites such as Songza and Pandora. I encourage everyone to listen to Christian songs that point to Christ and his grace and power during this time. No matter if our thoughts are on the virus, or what our nation is going through in all sorts of ways, or whatever it is, we must guard our hearts against discouragement and despair, and music is one way to do that.

At this time, I am working on restarting choir. I covet your prayers as we work on a careful and wise plan that puts us at the least risk. As it is in other areas, choir will not look the same. But that's okay. We will have such overflowing gratitude when we are able to rejoice in song again! And just as we currently see some musicians remotely performing from their homes, with technicians taking everything and working it into one, so I see all of us, even though we may be singing on a much smaller scale, taking all our offerings and letting God do the unifying for His glory!

In closing, I would like to share the last verse of the hymn "This Is My Father's World" by Maltbie Babcock. For any of you who are anxious or lonely during this time, take these words to heart:

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God Is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heav'n be one.

Kathleen Gambrell, Worship Leader

Sunday's Worship Guide

All Things New

2 Characteristics of Gospel Spreading Churches; Revelation 2:1-11

- I. Ephesus, The Loveless Church (1-7)
- II. Smyrna, The Faithful Church (8-11)

Announcements

- Four members have been nominated for the deacon ministry. Two of them will share their testimony August 16 and the other two August 23. We will vote Sunday, August 30.
- wMu resumes Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 AM: Drive-in Service
Sunday School

10:30 AM: Sanctuary Service
Sunday School

No Evening Service

Tuesdays

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Sunday School

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, August 16

11:45 AM: Meeting for ALL
Counters in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 21

6:00 PM: Family Fun Night

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 PM: Church Conference
2nd Reading of the Budget,
Nominating Report

Sunday, August 30

Vote on 20-21 Proposed Budget,
Nominating Report and Deacons



COUNTERS

Sunday, August 16 there will be a meeting for ALL counters about the new counting procedures in the fellowship hall following the 10:30 service.

Think About His Love

Think about His love
 Think about His goodness
 Think about His grace
 That's brought us through
 For as high as the heavens above
 So great is the measure of our Father's love
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I Stand Amazed in the Presence**Verse 1**

I stand amazed in the presence
 Of Jesus the Nazarene
 And wonder how He could love me
 A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

Singing how marvelous how wonderful
 And my song shall ever be
 How marvelous how wonderful
 Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows
 He made them His very own
 He bore the burden to Calv'ry
 And suffered and died alone

Chorus

Singing how marvelous how wonderful
 And my song shall ever be
 How marvelous how wonderful
 Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 4

When with the ransomed in glory
 His face I at last shall see
 'Twill be my joy through the ages
 To sing of His love for me

Chorus

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I Am Thine O Lord**Verse 1**

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

Chorus

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

Verse 2

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord
 By the pow'r of grace divine
 Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
 And my will be lost in Thine

Chorus

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

Verse 4

There are depths of love that I cannot know
 Till I cross the narrow sea
 There are heights of joy that I may not reach
 Till I rest in peace with Thee

Chorus

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