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Dear Brian,

Sometimes there is a moment in life when I can hardly bear up under the blessing God has just dumped in my lap. That's how I felt Sunday when you led our worship, bringing the Psalms to life, as you did. One woman (a Mt. Air summer person) came out of church, gasped and said "I felt like I was in the presence of God!"

Remember when you shared with me that music goes places that words can't? Well, that's what that woman - and the rest of us - were feeling. You unlocked the barrier between us and the living Presence.

My 81 year- old Aunt Mary Agnes had come from Crossnore to hear you. I saw her Monday and she could not stop talking about the beauty of the message in your music.

Maybe you don't think of yourself as a minister, Brian, but indeed, whether in worship or in concert, your music is a ministry, unlocking the freshness of the Spirit in people's lives. The difference is that in worship, listeners don't miss who is involved in giving this blessing to us all.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your marvelous gift to us, my friend. We thank God for you and Joey in our midst, and what you both bring as offering to God - yourselves.

With thanksgiving,