

LEWISTOWN-TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 21, 2021 – In-Person & Zoom Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

GREETING & WELCOME – Come, Holy Spirit, come! **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS AND CONCERNS – OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PRAISE

Song Leader: Cynthia Defibaugh

- This is the Day (# 657)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

(Repeat substituting 'We will' for 'Let us'.)

- Awesome God (# 2040)

**Our God – is an awesome God: he reigns – from heaven above with wis-dom,
pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God--! (2X's, 3rd time A'capella)**

- Here I Am to Worship (#3 177)

- 1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.—Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you - -.**

Refrain: **Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're all together lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

- 2. King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above-. – Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. (Refrain)**

- 3. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (Repeat 3 more times)**

***Back to the Refrain!

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist & Prayers: Andy Wildermuth

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. (Turn page)

All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen. Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Sydney

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 5:1-7

- This is God's Holy Word! Praise God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS - Please prayerfully consider your gifts to the Lord. These may be mailed to Richie Shaner, 5106 Co Rd. 39, Huntsville, OH 43324.

OFFERTORY PRAYER – O God, we are so grateful for your abiding love. We pray that we might embody a spirit of love and self-discipline, grounded in the power of your grace. We are taught in so many ways to fulfill all our wants by consuming things. Remind us during this moment we are called to invest in you. May we draw strength from this act of sacrificial giving. It's in the name of one God, who offers grace, mercy, and peace, we pray. Amen. David Bell

GOSPEL – John 15:1-8

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MESSAGE

I AM: the Vine

CLOSING PRAISE

- I Am Thine, O Lord # 419

- 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 closers drawn to thee--.**

Refrain: Draw me near-er-, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou has died--. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord----, to thy precious, bleeding side--.

- 2. 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. (Refrain.)**
- 3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend- -, - when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend and friend- -! (Refrain.)**
- 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 -. (Refrain.)**

BENEDICTION - Stand firm in the Lord. Stay connected to Jesus. Trust in the promises of God. Live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit. Know that God's Holy Spirit gives us the opportunities to make disciples and gives us openings to invest our lives in others, for Jesus' sake. So go in the blessed confidence that you are God's beloved, forgiven by Jesus, and filled with God's Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Musician: Jenny Claybaugh; Recording: McKenzie Garver**