

**Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Livestream Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx\\_5Rnj5U5I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx_5Rnj5U5I)**

**PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEDITATION MUSIC & CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**OPENING SONG:** #270 *The head that once was crowned (vs 1-3)* (Thomas Kelly)

♪ *The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.*

*2. The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;*

*3. The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME & SONG:** *Lord, I lift your name on high* (Rick Founds)

♪ *Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you are in my life -I'm so glad you came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth, -to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, -my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high.*

**PRAYERS:** *For all the faithful women (#tune479)* (Herman G. Stuempfle; & verses by Carolyn)

♪ *For all the faithful women who served in days of old  
To you shall thanks be given, to all their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save."*

Loving God, we are grateful for faithful women, ....

♪ *Mom Eunice - Grandma Lois, we sing our thanks and praise.  
Young Timothy they nurtured and led him in your ways.  
Raise up in ev'ry household true teachers of your word  
Whose lives will bear clear witness to Christ, our risen Lord.*

Loving God, so many women nurture us in our lives, ....

♪ *Sing praise sister Miriam, who sang triumphantly  
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea.  
As Israel marched to freedom, a leader she became,  
Her wisdom, strength and action- she urged them to the same.*

Loving God, we have experienced such a variety of gifts...

♪ *For brave Aunt Je-ho-sheba, a caring song we sing  
Who rescued nephew Joash, and raised him to be king  
May we too, nurture fam-i-ly, with love and faith to give  
To raise them up to serve you, with zeal their lives to live!*

As we pray for women and girls all over the world and here at home.....

♪ *Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too, we know  
the hardest part of loving is learning to let go,  
So, as we send the children out in the world to live,  
grant us such hope and faith, God ... and love enough to give.*

**LORD'S PRAYER:** (spoken)

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

**ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS:**

**DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*Anthem: #273 Jesus, our mighty Lord*

(Clement of Alexandria)

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 24 & Acts 2 (sel. Ascension verses); John 14:1-3

Reader: Ruth Smith

***This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.***

**SOLO:** *Already Home* (Soloist: Megan Gilbey)

(Andrew Lloyd Webber)

**MESSAGE:** *Already Home*

**CLOSING HYMN:** #640 *Softly and tenderly* (vs1-3)

(William J Thompson)

♪ *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me:  
patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*Refrain:*

*"Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),  
ye who are weary, come home"; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, "Come home!"*

*2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
(Refrain)*

3. *Oh for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.*

*(Refrain) "Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),  
ye who are weary, come home" Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O " \_\_\_\_\_ " (say your own name), "Come home!"*

**BENEDICTION:**

**BLESSING SONG:** *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

**POSTLUDE:**