

Dear Flock,

Have you ever thought about the words that you're singing when we sing a hymn? They're poetry. More than that, most often, they are prayers.

They're prayers. That's the way we're using them in our Midweek Lenten Series this year. Each week, our worship will center on one Lenten hymn. We'll hear the story of how the hymn came to be by Sally Rylander. We'll hear the hymn played in different arrangements by Steve Steely. We'll hear a dramatic reading of the hymn by Greg Bouljon. And we'll finally use the hymn as our prayers for the day and sing it as our sending song.

Here's the lineup:

2/21: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

2/28: Nearer My God to Thee

3/7: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

3/14: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

3/21: The Old Rugged Cross

As we always do in Lent, we'll move our Wednesday morning Bible Study to 11:00 **and the service will begin at 12:00**. Anyone who would like to go get some lunch in a downtown restaurant is invited to gather afterward.

Enrich your Lenten journey by trying this different approach to prayer and worship.

Yours,

Pastor Dan