

Be Thou My Vision 395

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."—Psalm 119:105

Ancient Irish
Tr. by Mary Byrne
Versified by Eleanor Hull

SLANE
Traditional Irish Melody
Harmonization by David Evans

Unison

1 Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart,
2 Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1 Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
2 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
3 Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways:
4 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
2 Thou my great Fa - thy ther, I Thy true son;
3 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
4 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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ASPIRATION

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 19, 2023

St John's Reformed Church of Loysburg

Rev. Dr. David M. Meckley, Pastor

Scripture: **Isaiah 60:1-5**

Message: **Arise, Shine!**

Organ Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

I am the gate for the sheep.

Whoever enters through Me will be saved.

I am the true vine

Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing.

I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies;

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

*Opening Hymn: FHP #310 "The Solid Rock"

Prayer of Invocation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we are a sinful people, and we are often lazy when it comes to our relationship with You. It is so easy to claim busyness, or our inability to manage the time that You give us, as an excuse for

not drawing nearer to You. We are often distrustful of Your good and perfect will for our lives, and sometimes we treat You as only a passing acquaintance. Lord, forgive us for our slothfulness and renew in us a desire to have a deeper relationship with You. Renew us with Your Holy Spirit so that we grow closer to You, discern Your heart and Your will and allow You to fill our lives each day. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Kyrie, Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patria

Special Music: Amy Gable

Rite of Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism

Apostles Creed

***Congregational Response:* WE WELCOME YOU WITH JOY AS PARTNERS IN THE COMMON LIFE OF THIS CHURCH. WE PROMISE YOU OUR FRIENDSHIP AND PRAYERS AS WE SHARE THE HOPES AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MAY WE CONTINUE TO GROW IN GOD'S KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE AS WE MAKE OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO THE WORLD.**

Offertory thought

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-5

Message: Arise, Shine!

*Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" (See back of bulletin)

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. - 1 Peter 3:15

This morning we celebrate with **Bella Gable, Blaire Gable, Ella Snyder, and Deegan Wertz** as they confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. **Ella** and **Deegan** will also be baptized. Their Discipleship Partners are **Berneta Gable, David Snyder** and **Barb Thomas**.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Easter for Eli - We will begin to collect items for "Easter for Eli" and put together baskets before the March deadline. Please bring items to the fellowship hall. <https://easterforeli.com>

Tuesday

Heidelberg Catechism study, 6:00 p.m., Copy room
AV Committee, 7:00 p.m., Copy room

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

March issue of Jottings from St. John's - Last day to submit news or announcements to David Snyder. Phone 814-575-5255 or email dave_sharonsnyder@yahoo.com.

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Community Group, 6:00 p.m., meets at Kurtz's

Next Sunday

First Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of Communion, 9:30 a.m., celebrated during worship.

*****PRAYER UPDATES*****

Berneta Gable is recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Emily Equels is recuperating from a partial lung removal.

Joe Gartland is in ICU with high CO2 levels and acidosis.

Carol Dawn Detwiler is in Homewood under Hospice care.

Mandy Feight: pray for healing of her eye

Lynda (Steinhart) Miller & Larry Garlock: hospice care

*****NORTHERN BEDFORD FOOD PANTRY*****

The food pantry is requesting kidney beans, baked beans, canned pasta, peanut butter and hamburger helper for the month of February. Also, cat and dog food..

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Uncles James and John Dittmar and our mother Betty Dittmar Snider from Beth and Dick Clark.