### Go Directly to God by John Piper

"In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the being has any access to the Father Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God." (John 16:26–27)

Don't make God's Son more of a Mediator than he is. Jesus says: "I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf." In other words, I'm not going to insert myself between you and the Father, as though you can't go to him directly. Why? "The Father himself loves you."

This is astonishing. Jesus is warning us not to think of God Almighty as unwilling to receive us directly into his presence. By "directly" I mean what Jesus meant when he said, "I am not going to take your requests to God for you. You may take them directly. He loves you. He wants you to come. He is not

**Events** 

angry at you."

2/1 Small Groups 7:15 PM 2/4 Men's Praver 7:30 AM 2/4 Ladies' Missionary Society 9 AM 2/4 Julie Nichols' Bridal Shower 11 AM 2/7 Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM

Give

in the way." Come.

**Upcoming Events** 

It is absolutely true that no sinful human

except through Jesus's blood (Hebrews

10:19-20). He intercedes for us now

(Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25). He is

our advocate with the Father now (1

16). He said, "No one comes to the

Yes. But Jesus is protecting us from taking his intercession too far. "I do not

say to you that I will ask the Father on

your behalf; for the Father himself loves you." Jesus is there. He is providing an

ever-present, ever-living witness to the

removal of the Father's wrath from us.

smile. Come trembling with joy, not

So, come. Come boldly (Hebrews 4:16). Come expectantly. Come expecting a

dread. Jesus is saying, "I have made a

way to God. Now I am not going to get

John 2:1). He is our High Priest before

the throne of God now (Hebrews 4:15-

Father except through me" (John 14:6).







#### Service Times



- -Sunday School 9:30 am
- -Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- -Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- -Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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# Morning Worship

Call to Worship Pastor Stephen Byrd

Opening Hymn #10 O Come My Soul

Scripture Reading Matthew 12:1-21, page 816

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Offertory #547 My Jesus I Love Thee

Preparatory Speak O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness; That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

- 2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

## **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship Pastor Bob Prentice

Opening Hymn #374 Jesus Shall Reign

Scripture Reading Luke 12:22-34, page 871

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Offertory Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now.

as in Thy presence humbly I bow,

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Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power – all power – surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me! Christ only always, living in me! Amen

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Preparatory #21 God Moves in a Mysterious

Way

Sermon Pastor Andy Dunkerton