

**Hymn of the Month** is a new worship-focused series at Salem Hellers. Worship is the most important thing we do; as part of our efforts to enrich and deepen our worship, each month we will focus on one of the less familiar or more recently composed songs from *Hymns of Grace* that we hope will be appreciated and loved by our congregation. We will explore different ways to introduce and incorporate these songs throughout the month; we want to help you become comfortable with them. May we grow together in faith as we learn these theologically rich hymns and join our voices in corporate worship.

# Hymn of the Month

March 2025



*Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

#165 Hymns of Grace



1

*Jesus, draw me ever nearer  
as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage,  
and I'll follow though I'm worn.*

2

*Jesus, guide me through the tempest,  
Keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning,  
Let me love you even more.*

3

*May the treasures of the trial  
Form within me as I go;  
At the end of this long passage,  
Let me leave them at Your throne.*

### **Chorus:**

*May this journey bring a blessing,  
May I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing,  
With Your likeness let me wake.*

**Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer** is a sung prayer that our Savior would draw us closer through every difficult circumstance, adversity and trial we encounter. Themes of suffering, comfort and hope are rooted in James 1:2 "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds."

**The music** was composed by modern hymnwriter Keith Getty early in his career, almost 25 years ago. The hymn was included on the album *New Irish Hymns*, featuring vocalist Margaret Becker, who also penned the lyrics. The album was released in the United States with the title *In Christ Alone*.

**The text** was written by Contemporary Christian Music singer and recording artist, Margaret Becker. She has been nominated for four Grammys for her work as a singer, guitarist and songwriter. The hymn text of "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer" reflects her commitment to a "heart-deep honest writing style".

### **Food for thought:**

**Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**Isaiah 40:31** "but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

### **Hymn Recording:**

Look for "Hymn of the Month" in the Worship menu tab, and click on the "visit the download page" on our new website: [www.salemhellers.com](http://www.salemhellers.com)