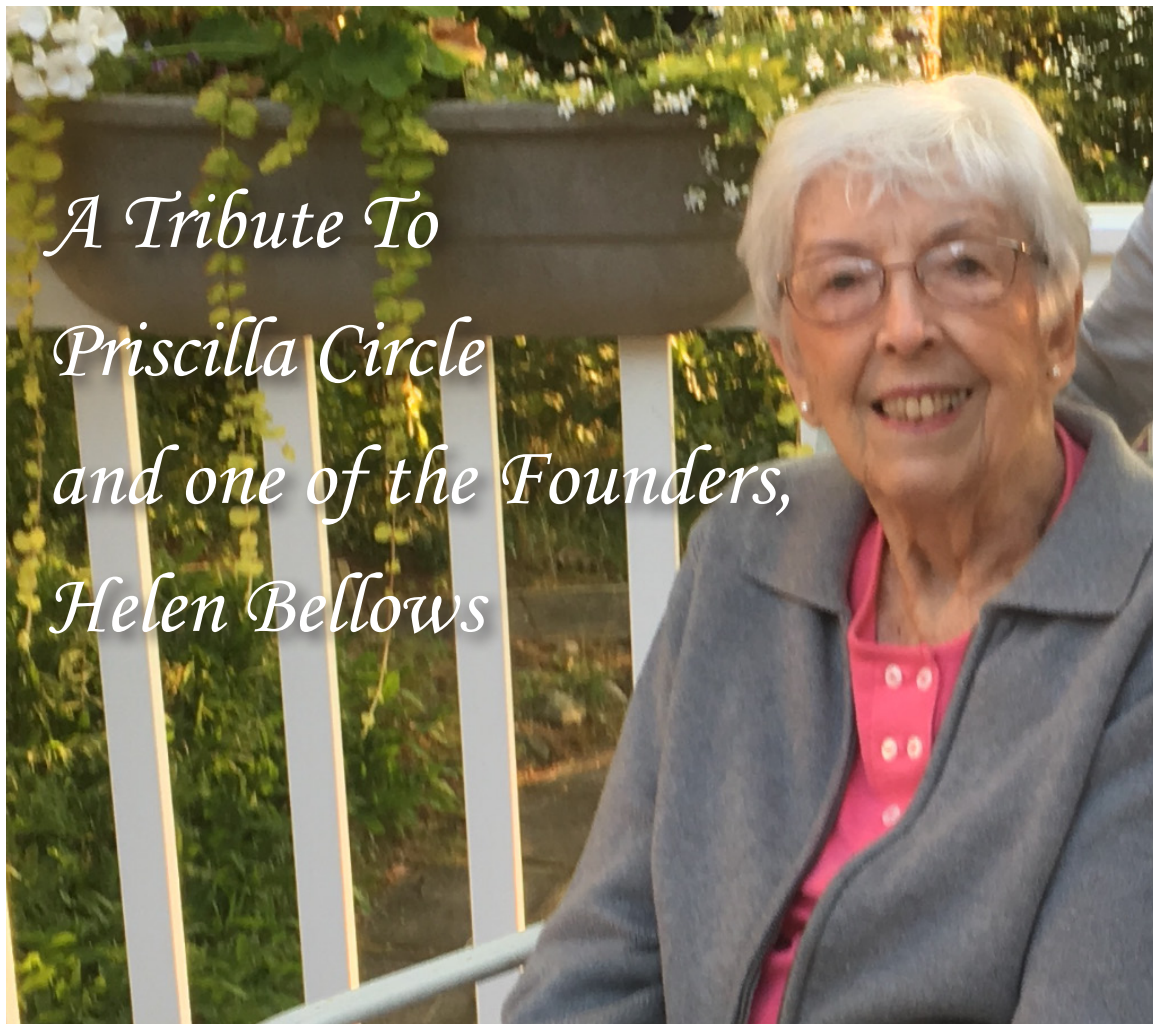


# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 - 10:30am



*A Tribute To  
Priscilla Circle  
and one of the Founders,  
Helen Bellows*

**WE BELIEVE:** Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew. Prayer request cards may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

*As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.*

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## PRELUDE

*Soir Dans Les Montagnes*  
(Evening in the Mountains)  
by Eugene Bozza

Karolin Ravens-Banik,  
flute

## WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

## MOMENT FOR MUSIC

Dr. Julia Brown

## INTROIT

*I Was Glad*  
by Larry Visser

Chancel Choir

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Kris Wilson

Leader: Beloved, you shepherd us in love.

**People: In your grace we feast, we rest, we travel this life.**

Leader: Beloved, you shepherd us in love.

**People: You lead us through death to new life.**

Leader: Beloved, you shepherd us in love.

**People: In your love we love one another. In our love we worship you.**

**Alleluia!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22\* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## OPENING PRAYER\*

Kris Wilson

**Shepherd of love, lead us beside the still waters of your grace. Feed us in the green pastures of your Word. Guide us in your path of mercy. Restore our soul with your presence. Speak to us, and we will follow. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Hart Morris

Mayflower Bells

Karolin Ravens-Banik, flute

**GLORIA PATRI\***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rachael Cooley

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** (sung by all)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 10:11-18

Kris Wilson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 759

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*The Shepherd's Psalm* (Psalm 23)

Mayflower Bells

Karolin Ravens-Banik, flute

Scott Bosscher, narrator

**SERMON**

*Fierce Love*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 52\***

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Rev. Bell Olsson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Love Divine*

Chancel Choir

by Howard Goodall

Text to this anthem may be found in the Hymnal #48

**DOXOLOGY\***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION\***

Rev. Bell Olsson

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

## CALL TO PRAYER

Two systems of musical notation in G major and 3/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system, starting with a measure rest of 5, contains the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!"

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN 81\*

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

## BENEDICTION\*

## DISMISSAL\*

**Leader:** To wherever God has called you this week, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Amen! We go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Picardy*

Dr. Julia Brown

by George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

## Honoring Helen Bellows



Priscilla Circle is very excited to invite all of you to join us today in honoring Helen Bellows, who is a founding member of Priscilla Circle and one of the very early members of Mayflower Church.

Helen was born February 9, 1929 in Grand Rapids. She married Dick Bellows June 16, 1956, and she has 2 daughters, Lucie and Connie, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Helen was among those attending the first Mayflower Congregational Church service on September 7, 1958 held at Lakeside Elementary School. Shortly after this service, Helen and Dick joined Mayflower.

Helen helped organize Priscilla Circle in August 1958. The members of the circle decided to name themselves “Priscilla” Circle after a young woman who was a passenger on the Mayflower. Originally there were multiple circles in the church, but Priscilla Circle is the only circle remaining. Helen, over the years, has been actively involved in many of the Priscilla projects to support the church - cleaning the chandeliers, decorating the church at Christmas and Easter, replacing all the appliances in the church kitchen, cleaning the large oil painting in the parlor, and the list goes on. She has been a faithful member of the church and Priscilla Circle for 66 years!

Priscilla Circle has been a very important part of Helen’s Mayflower life, and we are so grateful for her service, dedication, and leadership over the years.

## WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

**WELCOME!** If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex outside the sanctuary if you have questions about our church. You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the atrium.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

**NURSERY** is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children age 4 through 5th grade meet during the service following the Children’s Message in the lower-level Youth Rooms. Children are asked to bring their Bibles. We will share “highs and lows” from the week, play Bible trivia, sing, have a Bible story lesson, and engage in a related activity.

# Announcements for April 21, 2024

*Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.*

**April 28 | Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
High School Senior Sunday**

**May 5 | Rev. Adam Lipscomb, preaching  
Communion Sunday**

**May 12 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching**



## **2025 COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee is collecting committee/council nominations for 2025. Brief descriptions are listed on the following page, more detailed descriptions are available at the welcome table. Nominations will be accepted by filling out the pew card, completing the Google form on our website ([mayflowerchurch.org](http://mayflowerchurch.org)), or contacting the church office (616-459-6255).

## **YOUTH DINNER & TALENT SHOW: TONIGHT, 5PM**

All are invited to be a part of this fun evening! The many talents of the children and youth of Mayflower will be on stage while we share a meal (\$5/ea) and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP contact Abby ([abby@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:abby@mayflowerchurch.org)).

## **MUSIC WITH MISS ABBY TONIGHT**

Join "Music with Miss Abby" from 4:30-5pm on Sunday evenings April 14 - May 5.

## **PRISCILLA CIRCLE BAKE SALE: APRIL 28**

EVERYONE is invited to donate baked goods for the sale, proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of new soil for the Atrium. On 4/28, bring your baked goods to the tables in the Atrium before the service.

## **PRAYER RETREAT FOR RECONCILIATION AND HEALING: MAY 8, 5:30PM**

You're invited to a 'Prayer Retreat for Reconciliation and Healing' on Wednesday, May 8, 5:30pm-8pm, led by Rev. Steve Armfield and Rev. Eric Britcher. A light dinner will be provided. For additional information, please contact Murry Idema ([murry@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:murry@mayflowerchurch.org)) or Patty Sienstra ([psienstra@gmail.com](mailto:psienstra@gmail.com)).

## **MAYFLOWER "COOKIEBOOK" SALE: MAY 12**

Are you looking for some new recipes for treats? On May 12, the Coffee Reception Team will be selling their "Cookiebook", full of delicious recipes from the Mayflower Church family. Proceeds from this sale will go toward future coffee receptions.

## **MAYFLOWER ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 9**

Members of the congregation are invited to the annual meeting following the worship service on June 9, where we will vote on new leadership and approve the budget.

## **MAYFLOWERCHURCH.ORG**

Check out the updated Mayflower website! It has been improved with a more fluid interface and new photos.

# Committee Descriptions

*Mayflower Committees are listed below followed by the purpose of each.  
Please read through these as you consider your nominations for 2025.*

## **Christian Outreach Committee**

Facilitates outreach in our community through word, deed, and resources.

## **Congregational Care Committee**

Oversees sending cards to those on the prayer list, brings meals to those in need, welcomes babies, and gets volunteers for cookies and greeters for the Sunday coffee reception.

## **Congregational Events Committee**

Develops, organizes, and leads social events.

## **Council**

Responsible for the overall operation, spiritual life, and financial health of the church.

## **Endowment Trust Board of Trustees**

Oversees the Mayflower Endowment Fund, which is a separate entity established by MCC and is governed by a formal Trust Agreement.

## **Executive Committee**

Acts on behalf of the Council between Council meetings. Advises the Council and the Senior Minister on all church personnel matters, and provides advice, wisdom, and support to the Moderator and Senior Pastor.

## **House and Grounds Committee**

Maintains the church building and grounds in proper working order and aesthetically pleasing shape while meeting safety, security and stewardship goals.

## **Nominating Committee**

Recruits Council members and committee members and any other special committees as required.

## **Personnel Committee**

Provides direction and decision making to Council for employee policies, compensation and benefits, legal compliance, performance management and staff training.

## **Worship and Music Committee**

Coordinates various aspects of the worshipping life of the church fostering and supporting active, vital worship, and supports concerts and other music outreach.

## **Youth Committee**

Supports the children and youth ministries and the Mayflower staff who lead them.

# This Week

*What's happening at Mayflower this week*

## Sunday, April 21

- 9am New Members Class
- 10:30am Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 4:30pm Music with Miss Abby
- 5pm Youth Dinner/Talent Show

## Monday, April 22

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 5pm Men's Bible Study
- 5pm Women's Bible Study

## Tuesday, April 23

- 10am Needlepoint
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Council Mtg

## Wednesday, April 24

- 9:30am Deacon's Mtg
- 10am Sisters of Faith
- 6pm Handbell rehearsal
- 7pm Al-Anon
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## Thursday, April 25

- 9:45am Women's City Club
- 10am Women's Bible Study
- 6pm House and Grounds Mtg
- 6pm Boy Scouts

## Friday, April 26

- 7am Men's Bible Study

# Looking Ahead

*Upcoming dates to note*

## APRIL

- 28** New Members Class | 9am  
High School Senior Sunday | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
Priscilla Circle Bake Sale  
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm

## MAY

- 1** Priscilla Circle luncheon (Atrium) | 12pm  
**5** New Members Class | 9am  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Adam Lipscomb, preaching  
Scout's Derby | 4:00pm  
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm  
**8** Prayer Retreat | 5:30pm  
**12** Mothers' Day  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching  
**13** Baroque Concert | 7pm  
**18** GR Choir of Men and Boys | 7pm  
**19** New Members Class | 9am  
Pentecost Sunday | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
GR Choir of Men and Boys | 3pm  
**26** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Eric Britcher, preaching  
**27** Memorial Day | Office Closed  
**28** Council Mtg | 6:30pm
- ## JUNE
- 2** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching  
**3-7** Writing Camp | 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm  
**9** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
Annual Meeting | following worship



## The History of Priscilla Circle



## Mayflower Council

not pictured: Martin Grin



Rachel Blair



Anne-Marie Church



Amy Conway



Susan Orban



Dan Poortenga



John Schneider



Kateri Schutt



Patty Sienstra



Courtney Weiler



Kris Wilson



Kathy Wynsma



Christopher Yates

**Council Members are available in the library every Sunday after worship. Please stop in to say, "hi!"**

# YOUTH DINNER & TALENT SHOW

Sunday | April 21 | 5pm | Atrium

**\$5/PERSON**  
(for dinner)



Parents, grandparents, friends and members of the congregation are invited to be a part of this fun evening! The many talents of the children and youth of Mayflower will be on stage while we share a meal and fellowship.

For more information or to RSVP contact Abby at [abby@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:abby@mayflowerchurch.org).

# Praises and Prayers

Week of April 21, 2024

If you would like to receive, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly Prayer List, please contact the church office to be included on the list (616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org.) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

## PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

We celebrate Helen Bellows who was a founder of Priscilla Circle in 1958. (4/21)

## PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Maris Rosema** who is dealing with heart and lung issues. (4/18)

Pray for **Bill Potts** who is recovering from surgery. (4/4)

Please pray for **Lizann Donley** who is experiencing severe pain due to a compression fracture in her back. (4/3)

**Marcia Oetting** is now at home, recovering from a mini stroke. Pray for continued rapid improvement. (4/3)

Pray for **Carol VerMeulen** as she begins radiation therapy. (3/12)

Please pray that God may continue to walk with **Mayflower Church**, and guide us all on our journey of faith.

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Pray for **Paula Gaylord** who is struggling with health issues. (4/11)

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

**Mary Brace Scharff**, niece of **Susan and Ray Lovell**, died April 12. Please pray for the Lovell family as they grieve their loss. (4/18)

**Bill Currie's** son, Ryan Currie, passed suddenly in a bicycle accident. Our prayers are with Bill and his family. (3/21)

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace and safety in the world amid ongoing turmoil, specifically in Haiti, the Middle East, and Ukraine.



**Come before church  
or stay after to enjoy a  
cup of coffee, cookies  
and fellowship.**

## ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



Scan the QR Code with your phone to give/pay directly through E-Zekiel: no sign-up required.

Download the app and create an account for future secure scan-and-go transactions.



### TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 16163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

## MAYFLOWER PRISCILLA CIRCLE

*Supporting the church and our community through gifts of fundraising and hospitality.*

To learn more contact Shari Graham at [shari.graham@comcast.net](mailto:shari.graham@comcast.net)



**SUNDAY, April 28**  
*following worship*

## Spring Bake Sale

HOSTED BY PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Everyone is invited to make and bake your best recipes! Please bring your donated baked goods to the Atrium prior to the Sunday service.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new soil for the Atrium and the ministry of Priscilla Circle. Donations for baked goods can be made by cash, check, or Ezekiel app.

## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

2345 Robinson Road SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
616-459-6255 [www.MayflowerChurch.org](http://www.MayflowerChurch.org)

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Pastor

Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Abby Brooks, Director of Children's Choirs

Melia Colwell, Children's Choir Accompanist

Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care

Amy Dunham, Office Manager | Andy Ely, Business Manager

Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jon Lang, Facility Manager | Jana DeShane, Custodial Services

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,  
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,  
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,  
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,  
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,  
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;  
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Fourth verse: "Our God's love is reigning o'er us,  
 binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7D

## THE TRIUNE GOD

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,  
Teach us how to love each oth - er,  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!  
Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
In the tri - umph song of life: A - men.

Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

The beauty and power of Your creation.

The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.

The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.

The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers,  
and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.

All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.

The satisfaction of work well done.

Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.

The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.

The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.

Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Para. by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Walker's *Southern Harmony*  
Harm. by Dale Grotenhuis, 1931-

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah  
 2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres - ence  
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At - tend me

is His name: In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed,  
 is my stay; One word of Your sup - port - ing breath  
 all my days; O may Your House be my a - bode,

Be - side the liv - ing stream. He brings my wan - d'ring  
 Drives all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of  
 And all my work be praise. There would I find a

spir - it back, When I for - sake His ways; And leads me,  
 all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread; My cup with  
 set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come; No more a

RESIGNATION  
CMD

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

# THE TRIUNE GOD

for His mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.  
bless - ings o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.  
stran - ger, or a guest, But like a child at home.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.



# 81 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

French Carol

Harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-

*Unison*

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord,  
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, Stripped of  
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, Sit in  
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy

are both prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er  
 might up - on the cross, Shin - ing in e -  
 pow - er at God's side. You, who preach a  
 is our cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy Your de -

and sword - bring - er Of the way You  
 ter - nal glo - ry, Beg - gar'd by a  
 way that's nar - row, Have a love that  
 feat and vic - t'ry. Wor - thy still Your

took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 sol - dier's toss, You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

PICARDY  
8.7.8.7.8.7

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# THE TRIUNE GOD

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'THE TRIUNE GOD'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in G major, 4/4 time, with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note B2, and finally a half note G2. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

in - stant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.  
in - stant; You, who are our gift and cost.  
in - stant; You, who are our pil - grim guide.  
in - stant; You, who are our death and life.