

# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 12, 2024 - 10:30am



**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**

*On Eagle's Wings*  
arr. Charles Callahan

Dr. Julia Brown

## **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

## **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**

Lisa Weaver

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of the God in whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name.

**People: We come, in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our family relationships.**

Leader: We come, in the prayer that the peace of God might permeate the life of the human family.

**People: May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our lives, and our world, to the glory of God. Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 261\*** *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**OPENING PRAYER\***

Lisa Weaver

Parent God, we thank you for the homes in which we were nurtured, and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. We thank you also for the new birth that Christ offers us through your love, and for the larger family we find in the church and among the people of the world. Through the power of your Spirit, make us alive to love and serve you in our families, our church, and our world; make us your true children in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*On Eagle's Wings*  
by Joncas, arr. Wagner

Combined Choirs

Text can be found in the Hymnal #385

**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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 1  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 383  
John 17:6-19  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 766

Lisa Weaver

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*The Funny Things you Learn on a Duckboat*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 43\***

*How Like a Gentle Spirit*

SURSUM CORDA

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Rev. Bell Olsson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Set me as a Seal*  
by René Claussen

Chancel Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it.

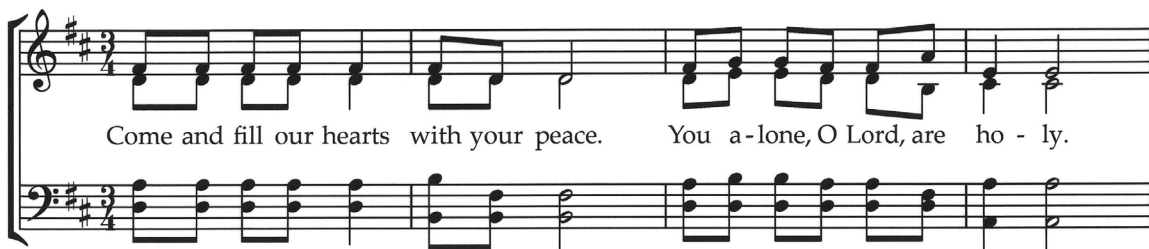
**DOXOLOGY\***

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\*

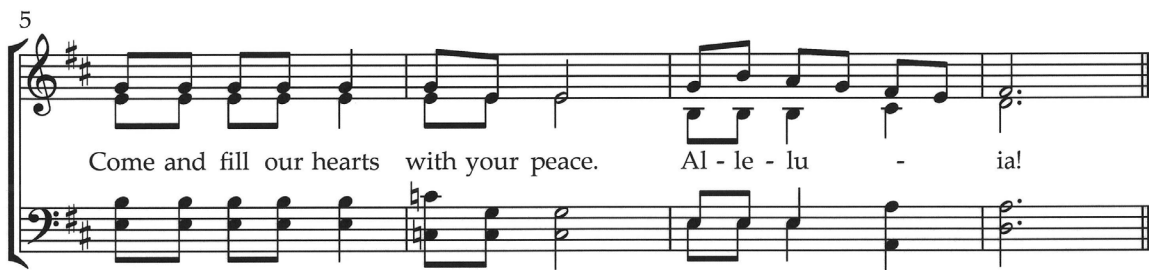
Rev. Bell Olsson

### CALL TO PRAYER



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

### 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 481\*

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

### 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

*Prelude for Organ*

Dr. Brown

by Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

# MAYFLOWER COOKIEBOOK

## *Available After Today's Service*



### **Donations Accepted**

Cash or via the Ezekiel App

Proceeds for the completed Cookiebook will go towards the Sunday reception coffee and supplies.



## **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 May 12, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

May 12 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching

May 26 | Trinity Sunday

Rev. Eric Britcher, 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](tel:616-459-6255)).

## **MAYFLOWER "COOKIEBOOK" SALE: TODAY**

Are you looking for some new recipes for treats? After the service, 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.

## **THE GRAND RAPIDS CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS CONCERT, WALKING THE PATH OF PRAISE: MAY 18, 7PM & MAY 19, 3PM**

The concert will feature the music of Tallis, Gibbons, Purcell, Handel, Ireland, Rutter & more. Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra Scott Bosscher, directing and Dr. Julia Brown, Organ. Hosted at Mayflower, Sat., May 18 at 7:00pm and Sun., May 19 at 3:00pm.

## **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.

## **ALL COMER'S INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR: SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 9:30AM**

Calling one and calling all to join our All Comer's Intergenerational Choir for the Sunday, June 9 service. To close out the choir season with a splash, we are inviting all to sing.

## **INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH**

The Council is continuing to identify an Interim Pastor. The Personnel Committee has been asked to generate candidates for the Interim Pastor Job Description (copies available in the office and on the Mayflower website). If you know of anyone who may fit this role, please share name, contact & pertinent information with the Personnel Committee by 5/15. - *Kateri Schutt, Sue Stoddard, Chris Edgar, Shari Graham & Carl VerBeek*

# 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.

## **Finance Committee**

Provides financial oversight of Church finances, develop the annual budget, monitor actual results and recommends needed adjustments to the budget to Council to keep MCC financially viable.

## **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.

## **Membership Committee**

Supports current members of the church and actively works to promote the ministries of Mayflower to Sunday visitors and guests.

## **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, May 12

- 9am New Members Class
- 10:30am Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- Cookiebook sale

## Monday, May 13

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 5pm Men's Bible Study
- 7pm Baroque Concert | Atrium

## Tuesday, May 14

- 8am Membership Com. Mtg
- 10am Needlepoint
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study
- 4pm Music & Worship Com. Mtg
- 7pm Outreach Com. Mtg

## Wednesday, May 15

- 9:30am Deacon Mtg
- 5:30pm Prayer Retreat
- 6pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7pm Al-Anon
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## Thursday, May 16

- 10am Women's Bible Study
- 6pm Boy Scouts

## Friday, May 17

- 7am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday, May 18

- 7pm GR Choir of Men and Boys

# Looking Ahead

*Upcoming dates to note*

## MAY

- 19** New Members Class | 9am  
Pentecost Sunday | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
Baptisms and New Members Welcomed  
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  
with Tim Saunders
- 9** All Comer's Choir | 9:30  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
Annual Meeting | following worship
- 10-13** Art Camp | 9am-12pm
- 16** Fathers' Day  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Kathryn Baker, preaching
- 23** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Kathryn Baker, preaching



## EGR Middle School Day of Caring - 4/3/24



### Upcycle Bikes



Thank you to all who donated bikes to Upcycle Bikes last Friday!

### High School Breakfast Club



The Breakfast Club students donned their new sweatshirts on Tuesday morning at Wolfgang's.

## Mayflower Council



Rachel Blair



Anne-Marie Church



Amy Conway



Martin Grin

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



Susan Orban



Dan Poortenga



John Schneider



Kateri Schutt



Patty Sienstra



Courtney Weiler



Kris Wilson



Kathy Wynsma



Christopher Yates



## THANK YOU, TROOP 271



**Thank you to the scouts for helping spread the mulch!**



# Praises and Prayers

Week of May 12, 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

Praise God for all the **volunteers from EGRMS** who helped with Mayflower church grounds. (5/7)

Bless those who are attending Mayflower's **new member** classes. (5/5)

Praise for this year's **Bible Study group participants** as they've grown, learned and come together in community. (5/5)

We give praise for the **high school seniors** who are graduating this year. We are thankful for God's faithfulness through the past grade school years. (4/25)

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 **Bill Potts** who is back in the hospital. (4/25)

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

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

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Please pray for **Suzanne Shippy**, daughter-in-law of **Ron Shippy**, as she has been hospitalized with a blood disorder. (5/1)

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

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We pray for the family of **Dr. David Hammond**, who passed away May 2. Visitation will take place on June 2, 3-7pm at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A service will be at Mayflower on June 3 at 11am. (5/7)

Please pray for members **Tom, Terri and Jessica Visser** as they grieve the death of Tom's mother, Arola Visser, who died April 20. The funeral service was held April 24. (4/25)

We pray for **Rupert Samuel** and his family as they mourn the death of his mother. (4/23)

Prayers for **Julie Holt** and **Kristin Ruud** and their families. Their father, **Doug Hoogerhyde**, passed away April 18. Visitation was held April 29 and a Celebration of Life was held April 30. (4/18)

Pray for **Jan Cornelius** whose mother, **Doris VanEss** passed away April 22. (4/22)

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

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

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

Grant wisdom to world leaders, that they may see that common humanity makes us all brothers and sisters to one another. (5/7)

Prayers for dialogue and reconciliation on college campuses. (5/7)

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### TEXT TO GIVE

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MONDAYS  
AT  
MAYFLOWER

## May 13 | 7pm BAROQUE IN THE ATRIUM with Duo Tarasque & Friends



Luce Burrell, theorbo and Howell Petty, soprano  
Grace Kim, violin; Andrew Laven, cello; and Julia Brown, organ  
performing music of Telemann, Purcell, and more.

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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

GOD'S REVELATION

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All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

Trans. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933

Geistliche Kerchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

*Unison*

1. All crea- tures of our God and King, Lift  
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye  
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make  
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -  
 5. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, And

up your voice and with us sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
 clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O praise Him, Al - le -  
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O sing ye, Al - le -  
 wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O praise Him, Al - le -

lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou  
 lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye  
 lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That  
 lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise  
 lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

8.8.4.4.8.8 with Alleluia

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

Third verse: "That givest us (or all) both"

Fourth verse: "And all ye folk of tender heart" or "All who possess a tender heart"

## GOD'S REVELATION

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
lights of eve - ning, find a voice,  
giv - est man both warmth and light, O  
God and on Him cast your care.  
praise the Spir - it, three in One.

praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Creator God,

May the majesty of Your creation forever remain a mystery, that we may know wonder and awe, and with joyful hearts sing Alleluia.

May the creative power of Your spoken word be made available to us through the understanding of Your written word, that we may sing Alleluia with grateful hearts.

For the miracle of birth and Your gift of rebirth through Jesus, may we sing Alleluia with loving hearts.

While You remain omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient, may all come to know You as trusting friend and personal Savior, and with new and clean and faithful hearts sing Alleluia.

Amen.

Joellen Hoth

## How Like a Gentle Spirit

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C. Eric Lincoln, 1924–2000

Alfred Morton Smith, 1879–1971

*Unison*

1. How like a gen - tle spir - it deep with - in God  
 2. Let God be God wher - ev - er life may be; Let  
 3. God like a moth - er ea - gle hov - ers near On  
 4. When in our vain pre - ten - sions we con - spire To  
 5. In all our fret - ful claims of sex and race The

reins our fer - vent pas - sions day by day, And  
 ev - 'ry tongue bear wit - ness to the call; All  
 might - y wings of pow - er man - i - fest; God  
 shape God's im - age as we see our own, Hark  
 u - ni - ver - sal love of God shines through, For

gives us strength to chal - lenge and to win De -  
 hu - man - kind is one by God's de - cree; Let  
 like a gen - tle shep - herd stills our fear, And  
 to the voice a - bove our base de - sire; God  
 God is love tran - scend - ing style and place And

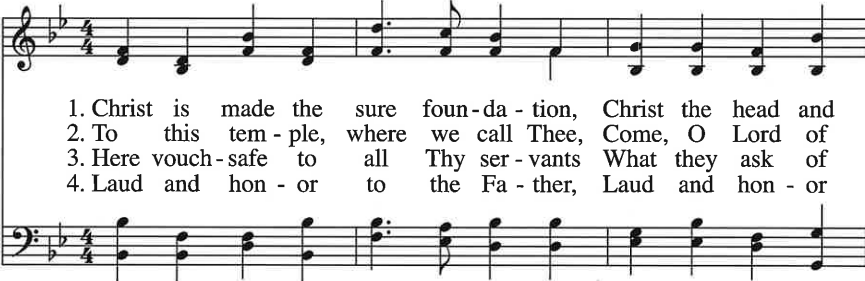
spite the per - ils of our cho - sen way.  
 God be God, let God be God for all.  
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 all the i - dle op - tions we pur - sue.

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 481

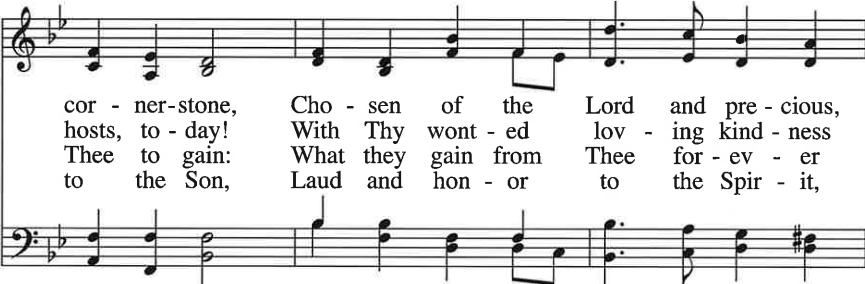
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Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

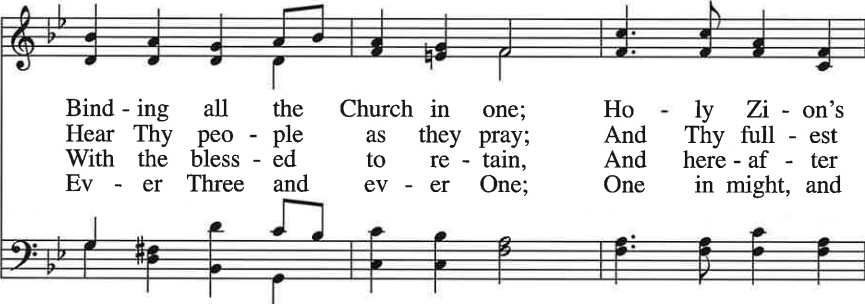
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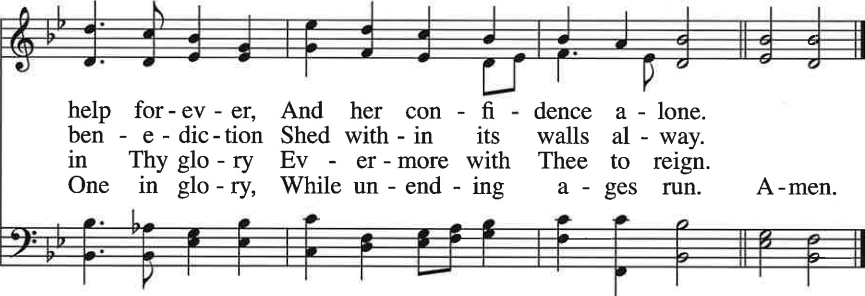
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem-ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of  
 3. Here vouch-safe to all Thy ser-vants What they ask of  
 4. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or



cor-ner-stone, Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,  
 hosts, to-day! With Thy wont-ed lov-ing kind-ness  
 Thee to gain: What they gain from Thee for-ev-er  
 to the Son, Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it,



Bind-ing all the Church in one; Ho-ly Zi-on's  
 Hear Thy peo-ple as they pray; And Thy full-est  
 With the bless-ed to re-tain, And here-af-ter  
 Ev-er Three and ev-er One; One in might, and



help for-ev-er, And her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
 ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.  
 in Thy glo-ry Ev-er-more with Thee to reign.  
 One in glo-ry, While un-end-ing a-ges run. A-men.

REGENT SQUARE  
8.7.8.7.8.7