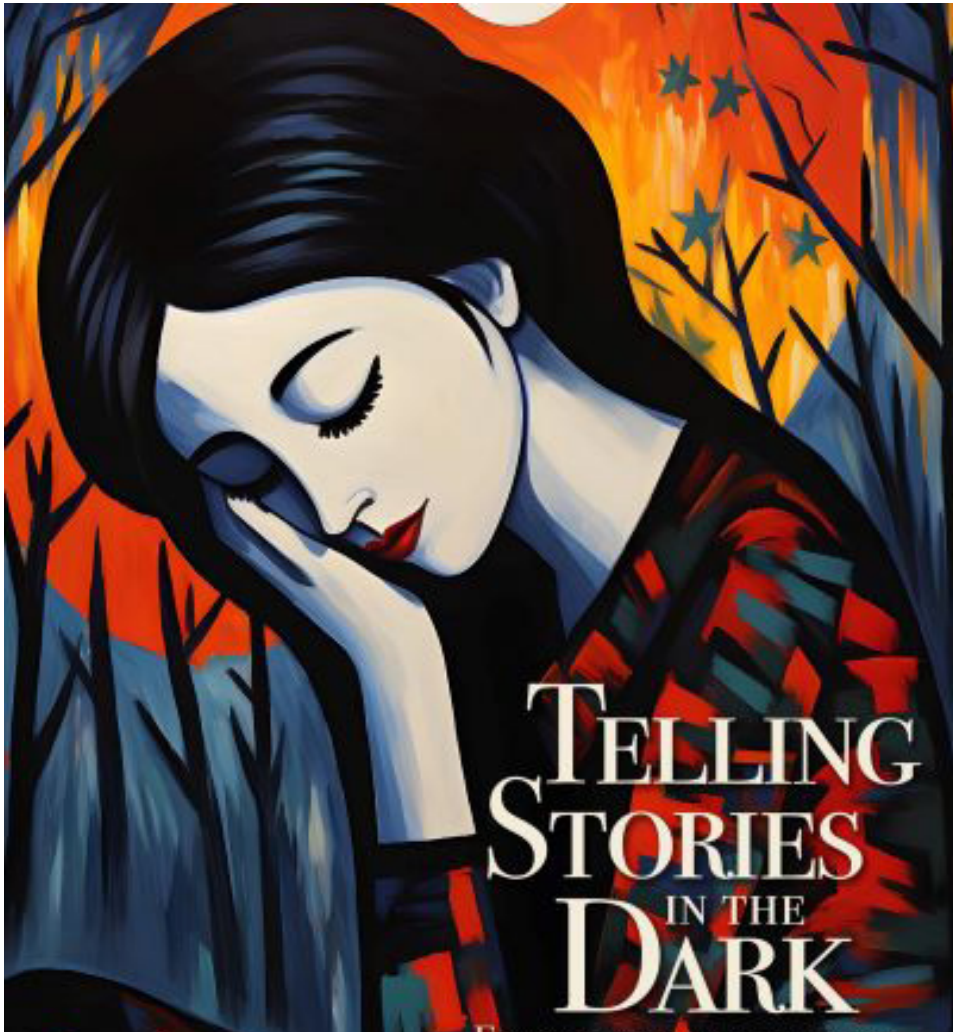


MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 18, 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.

PRELUDE *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* Dr. Julia Brown
Scottish tune; arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE* Rachael Cooley
Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP Ila Flo Barfuss

Leader: Spirit of life, light of life, breath of life,

People: breathe new life into us.

Leader: Christ of love, Christ of sorrow, Christ of hope,

People: breathe new life into us.

Leader: Wind of God, breath of God, spirit of God,

People: breathe new life into us. We worship you, open to your grace.

Raise us to new life in your spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 9* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

OPENING PRAYER* (read in unison) Ila Flo Barfuss

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

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

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS

Rev. Steve Armfied

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-37
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 760

Ila Flo Barfuss

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Stories in the Dark

Rev. Jeff Munroe

HYMN 474*

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Armfied

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul
by John Ness Beck, arr. Courtney

Brandon Harris, baritone

The text to this anthem may be found in the Hymnal #390

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. Armfied

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Armfied

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 77*

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Munroe

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Munroe

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **We go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.**

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Dr. Brown

by Robert A. Hobby

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE Children **ages birth through 3 yrs. old** can go to the nursery at the beginning of the service. Following the Children's Message, children will be dismissed to play on the playground.

Summer Preaching Schedule



REV. RUTH BELL OLSSON

JUNE 23 & AUG. 25

Rev. Bell Olsson is an activist in spirit and an ally at heart. Her writings and teachings on a variety of subjects wrestle with the deep mysteries of living a life of faith in a complicated world. Ruth earned her BA in

philosophy from Wheaton College and her Masters in global leadership from Fuller Seminary. She was ordained at Mayflower Church in 2019.



REV. KATHERINE LEE BAKER

JUNE 16 & 30

Rev. Lee Baker is an Interfaith Minister and DEI Consultant, ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Having served in various settings, she is passionate about community engagement,

intersectionality, and all things cultivating emotional agility and spiritual resiliency. She is a trustee for the Foundation at Mary Free Bed, the incoming President for Grand Rapids Sister Cities International, and a member of the Master Planning Steering Committee for the City of Grand Rapids. revkatherinelee baker.com



REV. CHRISTY CARLIN KNETSCH

JULY 7

Inspiring others to know that *in Christ the past does not have to determine the future* is the mission statement that has guided the career of Rev. Carlin Knetsch. Each day she has lived this out as the Executive Director of New

City Kids and as a minister at Madison Church: South Hill Campus. A graduate of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, she and her husband Brad are raising their four children.



REV. MAURICE A. FETTY

JULY 14

Rev. Fetty is a retired Congregational UCC Minister. He holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary, and Minnesota Bible College. He is the author of 13 books and does

pulpit supply, lectures, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. He and his wife Sara have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and live in Grand Rapids, MI.



REV. RICARDO TAVÁREZ

JULY 21

Rev. Tavárez is the Executive Director of New City Neighbors, a non-profit ministry partner of Mayflower that empowers youth through urban farming while supplying healthy food to households and pantries in the

Grand Rapids area. He is also the founder and pastor of En Vivo Church, a growing church community in the Creston neighborhood. Rev. Tavárez uses storytelling to encourage and challenge his audience with new perspectives.



REV. JEFF MUNROE

JULY 28 & AUG. 18

Rev. Munroe is the author of *Telling Stories in the Dark*, editor of the *Reformed Journal*, and author of *Reading Buechner*. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America and retired as Executive Vice

President of Western Theological Seminary in 2020.



REV. DR. JONATHAN WHITE

AUG. 4

Rev. Dr. White is a longtime member of Mayflower Church. Having served as interim senior pastor in 2019, Rev. Dr. White has a strong background in history and religion. He was fully ordained in 1992 and has served as

a parish pastor around West Michigan. Having recently retired from GVSU as executive director of homeland security, he also served for the Department of Justice with his vast experience in the world of counter-terrorism.



REV. DR. ROBERT K. LIVINGSTON

AUG. 11

Rev. Dr. Robert K. Livingston (Bob), who grew up in the Grand Rapids area and served Mayflower Congregational Church in the 1990's, will be with us on Sunday, August 11. Bob comes to us from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where, until

his retirement in 2022, he was the Senior Minister of The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor for twenty-five years. Most recently Bob has been the interim minister at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing, MI.

Announcements for August 18, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

LADIES' LUNCHEON | AUG. 20 | 11:30AM

Ladies are invited to join us for lunch on Aug. 20 at Gravity Taphouse Grill (3210 Deposit Dr NE). RSVP to Maris Rosema 616-821-0413.

FALL KICK OFF | SEPT. 8

Sunday, September 8 will be the kick off for all our fall programming. "Sweet Dreams Ice Creams" truck will greet us after the service on the 8th to serve up ice cream treats!



ELEVATE YOUTH GROUPS | SEPT. 8

5-5:45pm

Middle School

5:45-6:15pm

Dinner for Middle & High School

6:15-7pm

High School



Join us to start the new year! Come enjoy Q'doba – Ohana Ice – T-shirts – 9 Square – Basketball – GAGA – and more!!!

MIDWEEK BEGINS | SEPT. 11 | 4PM

Families and children are invited to come and enjoy a Bubbles party and Ohana Ice! There will be a parent meeting at 5:45pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL WEEKEND

CRANHILL RANCH | OCT. 25-27

Mark your calendars to be a part of this fun and meaningful weekend! We will spend the weekend participating in horseback riding, archery, sling shots, riflery, and more! Saturday morning, we will be serve at a work project at the camp. Use the QR Code to reserve your spot. More information to follow.



SAVE THE DATE: September 29, at 5pm the youth groups will be hosting a "Sock Hop" to raise funds for this trip. Come back to the 50's and support our youth!

MAYFLOWER LOVES COOKIES!

We are looking for cookie donations for Sunday mornings in August. Cookies can be homemade, or store bought, they are yummy just the same! Please email Rachael with cookie donation Sundays at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org.

JOYFUL SOUNDS FALL SESSION

This fall, join our pianist, Melia Colwell and Joyful Sounds Music Studio for some musical fun! Using the acclaimed *Music Together* curriculum, we'll explore, sing, clap, and wiggle along to the *Fiddle Collection*, which contains twenty-five beloved songs. These 45-minute classes geared for 0-5 year olds are packed with musical experiences, bonding activities, and fun! Fridays at 9:30am, Sept. 13 - Nov. 15. Sign up today! kidsmusicgrandrapids.com

Building Update

Update on Hallway and Sanctuary Flooring Replacement

Approximately a month ago, the sewage line backed up and came out through the drain in the women's restroom by the elevator. The sewage water covered the hallway flooring and came down the stairs and into the sanctuary flooring. We have filed a claim with our insurance company and will be replacing the flooring that was affected, as well as lower-level ceiling drywall. We are working with our drain and sewer line specialists to put safeguards into place in our sump pumps, drains, and bathrooms to ensure this doesn't happen again.

The flooring in the hallway and sanctuary will be replaced with the same quality and color that we currently have.

Thank you for your patience as we work towards fixing this issue. Please feel free to reach out to Rachael Cooley (rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) directly if you have any other questions.



Looking Ahead

Upcoming dates to note

Today, August 18

- 9am | Book Discussion with Rev. Munroe
- 10:30am | Morning Worship
Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching
Brandon Harris, soloist

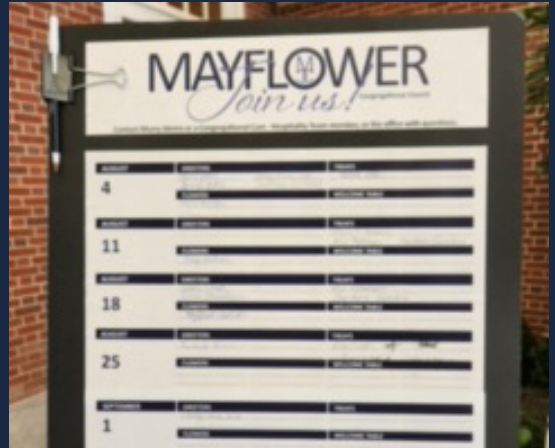
AUGUST

- 20 Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30am
- 21 Deacon's Mtg | 9:30am
House and Grounds Mtg | 6pm
Al-Anon | 7pm
- 22 Congregational Care Mtg | 10am
- 25 Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
Erin Gilbert, violin and soloist
- 27 Worship and Music Mtg | 4pm
Outreach Mtg | 5pm
Council Mtg | 6:30pm
Widowed Persons Grp | 7pm
- 28 Al-Anon | 7pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Communion Sunday
Morning Worship | 10:30am
Scott Bosscher, soloist
- 2 Labor Day | Office Closed
- 4 Al-Anon | 7pm
- 8 Fall Kick Off Sunday
Morning Worship | 10:30am
Elevate | 5-7pm
- 9 Men's Bible Study | 7:30am
Women's Bible Study | 5pm
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 10 Needlepoint | 10am

Greeters Needed!



Please consider being a Sunday morning greeter. We need greeters for August 25. Visit the welcome table to sign up or contact the church office (office@mayflowerchurch.org).

Do You Have a College Student?



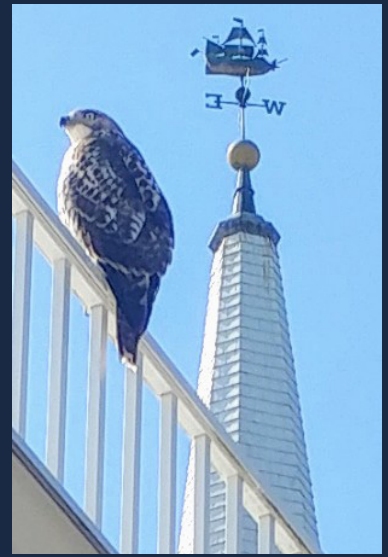
The Congregational Care Committee wants to keep in touch with our Mayflower college students throughout the year. Submit names and addresses to office@mayflowerchurch.org and get signed up!

Youth Group Kickball



On Aug. 8, Mayflower youth joined the Westminster Presbyterian Church youth group for a game of kickball followed by ice cream!

On the lookout!



Mayflower facility manager, Jon Lang, caught this guy watching over the church.

Happy Birthday!



Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care, celebrated a birthday with staff last week! Happy Birthday, Murry!

Coffee with Rev. Dr. Livingston



Thank you to those who were able to join us in fellowship with Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston last Sunday morning. It was wonderful to catch up and share this time together.

Council Update

Dear Mayflower members and friends,

The Council had a meeting on July 23. Our first priority was to address a full-time Interim Senior Pastor role. The Personnel Committee was tasked to find, interview, and recommend who to hire. The Personnel Committee consists of: Chris Yates, Courtenay Oosterman, Chris Edgar, Ken Goodson, and Carl VerBeek. Chris Yates reported on the interview process and gave their recommendation. We had an amazing pool of candidates and are thankful for all the candidates who offered their gifts and talents to our church. I am excited to announce that Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson has accepted to serve as Mayflower's Interim Senior Pastor! We welcome Ruth back to our church beginning on September 1st.

Ruth was ordained at Mayflower in 2019 and served as an interim pastor in 2021. We are confident that Ruth will do a fantastic job leading our church again during another time of transition. We will be working with Ruth to make sure she has the staff and Council support she needs. We could not be more excited to welcome back Ruth as she works closely with our Church and Council members during this time of transition.

I offer a prayer for Ruth and our church community.

Lord, We give you thanks and glory. Please give our church & Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson wisdom and grace. Continue to be with us and guide Mayflower Congregational Church. You are our rock and redeemer. Amen.

Kateri Schutt, Moderator



Praises and Prayers

Week of August 18, 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 for **Gwen and Gary Wallin's** daughter, **Carley**, and her baby, **Fisher**, who are healthy after a bout with Covid. (8/14)

Mayflower celebrates the announcement that **Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson** will serve as Interim Senior Pastor! She will begin Sept. 1. (7/29)

Maris Rosema is thankful for the many prayers. She is now off oxygen and doing well. (7/25)

As a congregation we give thanks to the Holy Spirit for blessing our church community with an atmosphere of **vibrance and positivity**. We are thankful for an increase in summer attendance and fellowship among our members and friends. (7/16)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Nathalie Lanne** as she recovers from ACL knee surgery in June. She will be attending Christopher Newport University this fall and is on the tennis team. Nathalie is the daughter of Kerri Orders and Michel Lanne. (8/13)

Ellen Johnson is recovering from glaucoma surgery on Aug. 7. We pray for continued healing and restoration of sight. (8/13)

Pray for **Steve and Janet Armfield** and family. Steve's sister, Nancy, passed away Aug. 7. (8/08)

Prayers for **Gary Wallin**, as he continues his recovery and rehabilitation from hip surgery at Blodgett. (8/14)

Bert and Lindy Crandell's daughter and son-in-law, **Austin and Aaron Bartman**, welcomed twins, Adalae and Aaron, on July 19. Aaron is in critical condition, weighing 2 lbs., 14 oz. Adalae weighing 4 lbs., 4 oz. is doing well. The family asks for prayers for these twins. (7/30)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

David and April Baker ask for prayers for their friend Sherry Siemon who is dealing with ongoing health challenges. (8/13)

Continue to pray for **Don and Linda Chaffee's friend**. His father recently died and his wife is recovering from brain surgery. (7/30)

Pray for Ellen DeHaan's brother, **Michael Hedges**, who is dealing with heart-related issues. (7/16)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Please pray for the family of **Dr. Raymond Fuller** who died July 15. (7/25)

We extend our condolences to Mayflower friend, **Merrily Holladay** and her family, upon the death of her husband, Bob Holladay who died July 13. (7/18)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

Please pray for victims of ongoing gun violence in our communities and world.

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



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TEXT TO GIVE

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

MIDWEEK '24-'25

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00PM | Kick off party!

Be ready for BUBBLES and OHANA Ice!
Bring a Friend Frenzy, win a Prize!

5:45PM | Parent Meeting

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE:

4pm-4:30pm | Elementary Chimes/Dinner

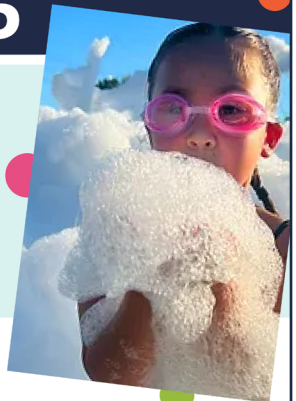
4:30pm-5pm | Children's Choir (3yo's-1st)/2345 Dinner

5pm-5:45pm | Carol Choir (2nd-5th)/Younger Dinner

5:45pm-6:10pm | Chapel

6:10pm-6:40pm | Midweek Youth Group

7pm-7:45pm | MS/HS Bells



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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

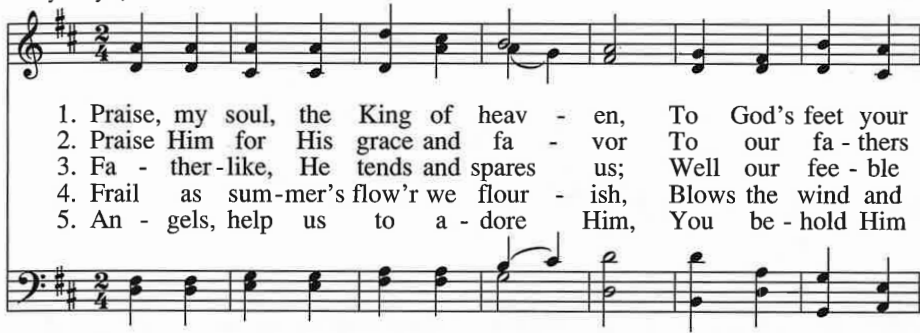
Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care
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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

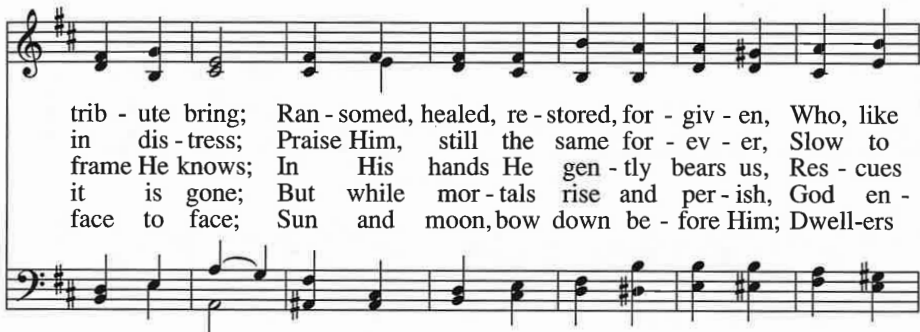
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Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

John Goss, 1800–1880



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To God's feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him, You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who, like
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, Slow to
frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us, Res - cues
it is gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him; Dwell - ers



me, God's praise should sing? Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
us from all our foes. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
dures un - chang - ing on; Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
all in time and space, Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!



Praise Him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Praise Him! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!
Praise Him! Wide - ly as His mer - cy flows!
Praise Him! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

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

Second verse: "To our forebears in distress".

Praise to God

LAUDA ANIMA
8.7.8.7.8.7

THE FATHER

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our

seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
 time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -

prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
 past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,

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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, Some-thing God a-lone can see.

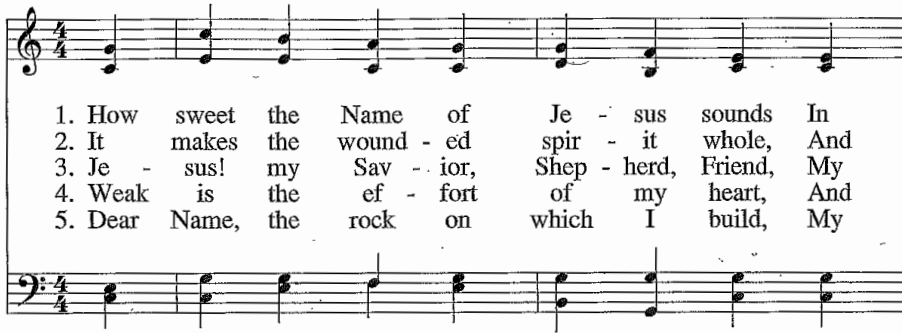
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God's Covenant People". It consists of two staves: a vocal line on a treble clef and a bass line on a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

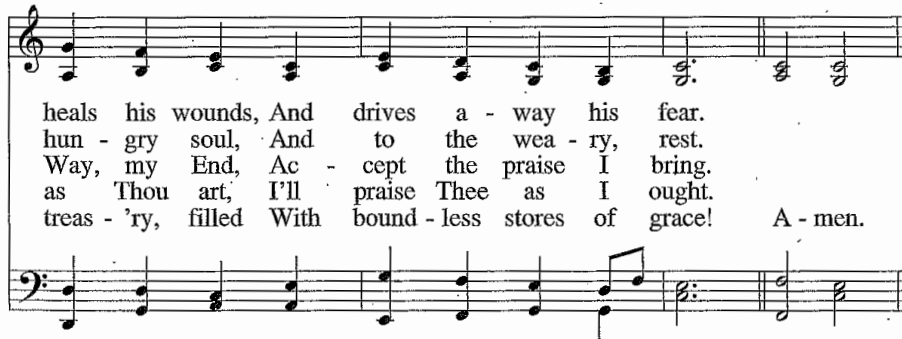
Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877



1. How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds In
 2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, And
 3. Je - sus! my Sav - ior, Shep - herd, Friend, My
 4. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, And
 5. Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes his sor - rows,
 calms the trou - bled breast; 'Tis man - na to the
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my
 cold my warm - est thought; But when I see Thee
 shield and hid - ing - place, My nev - er - fail - ing



heals his wounds, And drives a - way his fear.
 hun - gry soul, And to the wea - ry, rest.
 Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.
 as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
 treas - 'ry, filled With bound - less stores of grace! A - men.

ST. PETER
CM

Most wonderful God:

Please accept the thanks of my heart—

For thinking of me, for loving me, for saving me.

Please accept the praises of my soul—

For embracing me, for treasuring me, for redeeming me.

Receive my joy:

For You are my hope, my peace, and my light.

And it is in the name of Jesus that I pray. Amen.

Rev. Steven Blackburn