

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 9, 2025 - 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*. **Bold** 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The meaning of my existence is that life has addressed a question to me. Or conversely, I, myself, am a question which is addressed to the world, and I must communicate my answer, for otherwise I am dependent upon the world's answer.

-C.G. Jung

PRELUDE

Variations on NICAEA

Dr. Julia Brown

(Introduction – Piu Mosso – Leggiero – Un poco Allegro – Adagio – Finale)

by Piet Post

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

GREETINGS FROM SCOUT TROOP 271

Mike Keil, Scoutmaster

INTROIT

I Was Glad

Chancel Choir

by Larry Visser

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston

Leader: God has made and given us this day!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Let us worship the living God who invites us into worship.

People: To God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness, be all praise and thanksgiving!

Leader: Let us join together in a community of love to worship God together!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 243*

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

OPENING PRAYER*

(read in unison)

Rev. Dr. Livingston

God, most merciful, most present, most constant, yet changing all things. Never new and never old. Ever in action, yet ever quiet. Creating, upholding, and perfecting all. Who has anything, but of your gift? Or what can anyone of us say when we speak of you? Yet, have mercy on us and be near us this day, O God, that we may speak to thee and praise thy name. May your compassion and grace shine through our lives this day and every day, through Christ we pray. Amen.

-Adapted from a prayer by St. Augustine

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.

ANTHEM

Hush! Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name!

Children's Choir

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' my name!

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what can I do?

I'm so glad that trouble don't last always.

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 39: 1-5

Kim Clark, Scoutmaster

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 30

Luke 5: 1-11

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 728

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Being Human: God With Us

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 279*

Now As We May

TALLIS CANON

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Livingston

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Greater Love
by John Ireland

Chancel Choir
Erin Gilbert, soprano
Ryan Potts, tenor

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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. Dr. Livingston

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Livingston

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 248*

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Bell Olsson

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Dr. Livingston

Leader: God calls us to be all that we can be as followers of Jesus.

People: Let us live with faith and love with abandon.

Leader: Go in peace and be blessed. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139
by Buxtehude

Dr. Brown

Looking Ahead

**Words in italics denote partnering organizations that meet at Mayflower.*

Today, February 9

10:30am | Morning Worship

11:30 | Confirmation mtg.

MS/HS Elevate Super-Bowling

FEBRUARY

10 Men's Bible Study | 7:30am

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 5pm

Men's Bible Study | 5pm

11 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Membership mtg. | 8am

Needlepoint | 10am

Worship & Music mtg. | 4pm

*Mahj in the Mitten** | 6pm

*CCGR (Chamber Choir)** | 6:30pm

12 Midweek | 4pm

Mayflower Bells | 6pm

*Al Anon** | 7pm

House & Grounds mtg. | 7pm

Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

13 *Women's City Club** | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

*Dance Workshop** | 7pm

14 Men's Bible Study | 7am

*Joyful Sounds** | 9:15am

*Joyful Sounds** | 10:30am

16 Sunday Worship | 10:30am

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.

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. Middle Schoolers are encouraged to join us in Sunday school as small group helpers - they earn "CIT Bucks"!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events. Visit [MayflowerChurch.org/events](https://www.MayflowerChurch.org/events) for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mayflower? Please reach out to office@mayflowerchurch.org to share your interest.

CONFIRMATION MEETING | TODAY

A Confirmation information meeting will be held today following the service. Students in 8th grade and older are invited. Reach out to Pastor Ruth with any questions. Confirmation class will begin Feb. 23 at 4pm.

DANCE MEDITATION | FEB. 13 | 7PM

Join instructor, Kara McNabb from Magnolia Wellness, as she guides us through dance meditation. Dance Meditation is ecstatic dance, which is simply a name for moving in total freedom. It can be transformative, liberating, and healing. And it's also fun! This event is donation-based.

GROWNUPS GATHER (formerly 49UP) | FEB. 16

Join us at Karen and Tom Roth's home for brunch on Sunday, Feb. 16 after church. Come by for a cup of coffee and egg strata. (1104 Idema Dr., RSVP Karen 616-581-1576)

LADIES' LUNCHEON | FEB. 18 | 11:30AM

Join us at Charlie's Bar and Grille, 3519 Plainfield Ave NE for Lunch! Please RSVP to Maris Rosema (616-821-0413) by Feb. 17.

69UP EVENT | FEB. 27 | 5-7PM



Join us for our 50th 69UP event. It will be from 5-7pm at the Lovell Hand Center. Please RSVP to Murry with what you'll bring - white wine or an appetizer (616-901-3842).

SAFE HAVEN DONATION

Thank you to all who attended the Pilates class last week! Together we raised \$335 for Safe Haven Ministries!

INTRODUCING CARING FRIENDS A MINISTRY OF MAYFLOWER

Caring Friends is the ministry formerly known as Deacons. For more information contact Murry@MayflowerChurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE - ART CAMP | JUNE 9-12

Registration is open for Art Camp! Sign up today at [mayflowerchurch.org/artcamp](https://www.mayflowerchurch.org/artcamp)

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT

During the 2025 Lenten season we present four Lent by Candlelight programs, offering fellowship, food, readings and music. Each Mondays (3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 4/7) we gather in the atrium at 6:30 for a light meal followed by music at 7pm. Our hope is that these evenings bring a sense of stillness and peace to you and your surroundings as you travel through this season of Lent. Free and open to all.

Praises and Prayers

If you would like to receive prayer, 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 give praise for **Chris and Doug Congdon's** new grandson, Oliver Douglas Hinkel, born on Jan. 26. Oliver is home from the hospital. (2/04)

Dale and Ellen DeHaan's daughter, **Michelle**, has arrived safely home from her medical mission to Sudan. Their granddaughter, **Rebekah**, will continue to serve there for a couple weeks. (1/14)

We give praise with the family of **Huxley DeCoster** who was baptized 1/12. (1/12)

It is with great joy that **Gary and Gwen Wallin** announce the birth of Neve Alexandra Jones, born to daughter, Carley, and Alex Jones on Dec. 18, 2024. Born 4 weeks early, mama and baby are doing well. (1/9)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Cindy DeKruyter has been struggling with COVID-19 which is debilitating and will not go away. She welcomes prayers from the congregation. (2/04)

Please pray for long time member, **Helen Bellows** as she resides in hospice care at Clark on Keller Lake. (1/14)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Rev. Sara A. Fetty, passed away peacefully in her home on Jan. 12. Her memorial service was Jan. 25 at Park Congregational Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Maurice Fetty and family as they mourn her death. (1/14)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

Remember our outreach partner **Pastor Marcel** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where his city has been siezed by rebels. Pray for peace and protection. (1/28)

We pray for the alleviation of suffering. (1/22)

We pray for peace in places of conflict. (1/22)

We pray for the wisdom and compassion of world leaders. (1/22)

We pray for a successful cease fire in Gaza and the de-escalation of violence. (1/16)

Pray for the people affected by the wildfires in California. (1/9)

Council Update

At the Jan. 28 Council Meeting we approved the 2025 budget, copies are available in the office. We are working on our Mission, Vision and Core Values from our Retreat with Bob Livingston. All of our committees are doing amazing work for all of us on our behalf. We'd like to highlight and thank the House & Grounds and Worship & Music Committees for working together on the flooring insurance claim.

28 Days of Love

As a takeaway from my most recent Children's Message about the amount we spend on Valentine's Day (this year it is expected to raise to \$27.5 billion when you add in food and activities), I want to share a daily calendar from Kate Bowler of ways to show love every day in February. May we at Mayflower be a community that is known for its LOVE!!!

Sincerely,
Rachael

28 DAYS OF LOVING MORE

01 SAT Smile at a stranger.	02 SUN Pick up 3 pieces of trash in your neighborhood.	03 MON Leave food out for the animals.	04 TUE Dress up for no reason.	05 WED Dress up for no reason.	06 THU Give a weird compliment. "You're so good at parallel parking!"	07 FRI Recreate an old photo you love.
08 SAT Drop off dinner for someone you love.	09 SUN Have a whole conversation in gifs.	10 MON Buy fresh flowers at the grocery store.	11 TUE Send a random "I love you" text to someone who needs to hear it.	12 WED Leave a sweet note in a book at a free little library.	13 THU Run errands with a buddy. Get coffee while you're at it.	14 FRI Buy a coffee for the person behind you in line.
15 SAT Host a dinner for your people.	16 SUN FaceTime a friend or family member, just because.	17 MON Go for an "awe walk" - leave the AirPods at home.	18 TUE Leave a note for someone you love where they'll find it - pocket, car, etc.	19 WED If you know someone is having a hard time, show up (with snacks).	20 THU Send someone a meme that makes you think of them.	21 FRI Leave your favorite local business a thoughtful Google review.
22 SAT Make a fort in the living room and put on a movie marathon.	23 SUN Say "no" to something that doesn't fill your cup.	24 MON Not sexy - but schedule your doctor appts for the year.	25 TUE Cook that recipe you've had pinned for months.	26 WED Choose a book from your TBR list and read before bed.	27 THU Invite a friend to join you on a walk.	28 FRI Send someone surprise cookies! (they don't need to be from scratch)



LENT BY CANDLELIGHT

6:30 pm *Simple Meal* | 7:00 pm *Music*

MONDAYS AT MAYFLOWER

Join us on Monday evenings and add stillness and peace to your Lenten season. Free and open to all.



MARCH 10
KAROLIN RAVENS-BANIK, *flute*
JULIA BROWN, *piano*



MARCH 17
DEEDEE TIBBITS
hammered dulcimer



MARCH 24
DUO TARASQUE
Howell Petty, voice; Luce Burrell, lute



APRIL 7
ALICIA EPPINGA, *cello*
JEREMY VERWYS, *guitar*

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

March 5 | 6pm
Ash Wednesday

Sundays | 10:30am

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 13 | 10:30am
Palm Sunday

April 17 | 6pm
Maundy Thursday

April 18 | 6pm
Good Friday

April 20 | 10:30am
Easter Sunday

THE CALL

Join us this Lenten season as we respond to **THE CALL** to dive deeper into our faith

EVERYONE WELCOME
Mayflower is an
inclusive congregation

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2024 Mayflower Outreach Partners

ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE OF DONATION	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION
AYA (As You Are)	Lockers for shelter, Housing program, Christmas Gifts	Homelessness (Teens)
Boy Scouts	Provide space for programming	Leadership Development
Comprehensive Therapy Center	Provide space to hold Summer Programming	Speech, Occupational, & Physical Therapy for Children
Cranhill Ranch	Work project with Middle School students	Camp and Retreat
Eden Ministries	Support of Orphans	International - Orphans
Energy for Mission	Funding for Peace Building Workshops in the Congo	International - Community Building
Exodus Place	Clothing for residents	Homelessness (Men)
Family Promise - IHN	Host weeks for homeless families	Homelessness (Families)
Habitat for Humanity	Housing development	Housing
Mel Trotter Ministries	Items for Hope Village Community Center and Shelter	Homelessness
Mulick Elementary School	Tutoring and Classroom Supplies	Education
New City Neighbors	Support Summer Intern Program	Community Building
Safe Haven Ministries	Housing supplies (pillows) for Residents	Domestic Violence Shelter
Salvation Army	General Fund	Housing
Upcycle Bikes	Helmets & Locks for donated bikes	Transportation
Urban Family Ministries	Summer Programming Needs	Community Support

ELEVATE - Mayflower Middle School and High School Youth Group



This past Sunday, Elevate students and their leaders, Allison Houlihan and Becky Barnes, made lasagnas to give to our friends in need of a meal. They also crafted Valentine's greetings for the Priscilla Circle women.



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TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 6163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

Mayflower ART CAMP!

JUNE 9-12 | 9am-12pm | REGISTRATION FEE \$75/Child
Rising Kindergarteners-5th grade

Experience God's creativity in playful new ways that will bring inspiration and joy! Engage in 12 different art forms to grow imagination and expand your world.

- Drumming
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Painting
- Creating art

AND SO MUCH MORE!



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Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | 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

Abby Brooks, Interim Children & Youth Music Director | Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg, Facilities Team

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

NICAEA
 11.12.12.10

1. We thank You, Lord, now as we pray For Your good
 2. We al - so pray for Your great peace Which comes to
 3. Bless all who turn to You in hope, Who by your
 4. That we may wor - ship You and stay With - in Your

bless - ings on this day. Please bless our lives with
 us when we re - lease Our sins, our cares, our -
 Word learn how to cope With tri - als, tests and
 serv - ice all this day, Grant us Your Spir - it

grace and love, With gifts a - bun - dant from a - bove.
 selves to You. Your strength is great and brings us through.
 tempt - ings, too, And find their help and grace in You.
 ev - 'ry hour, Fill each of us with Christ - like pow'r.

TALLIS' CANON
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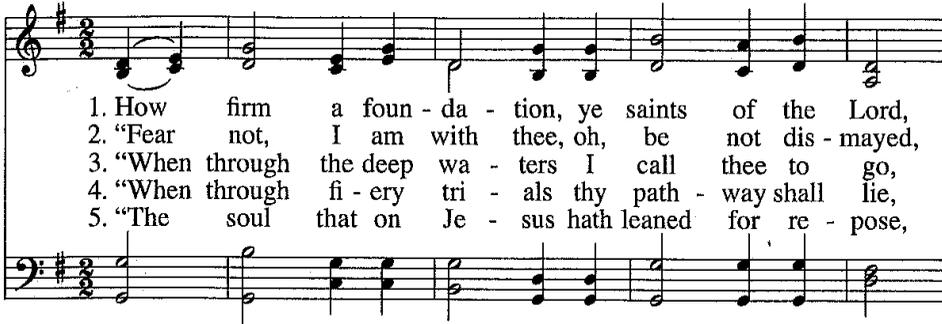
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One who is before all that is,
 One who walks beside us,
 One who fills and fires us,
 Hear our prayer:
 Let us, in Your singularity, find our commonness,
 And in Your multiplicity, our diversity.
 Grant that, in Your chords and discords,
 We may find the harmonies of living.
 In every song, grant us to hear Your song.

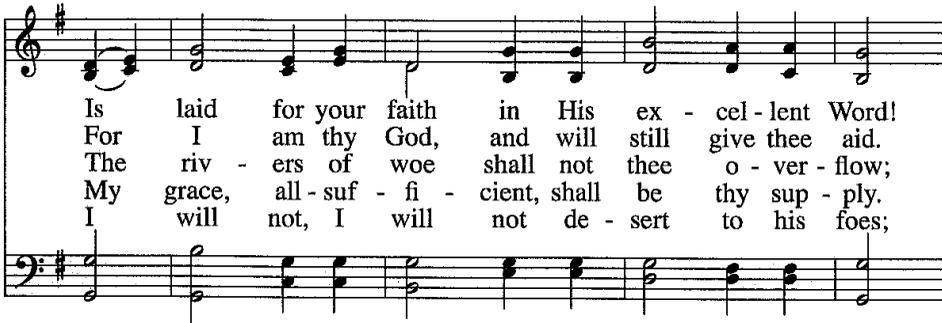
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How Firm a Foundation

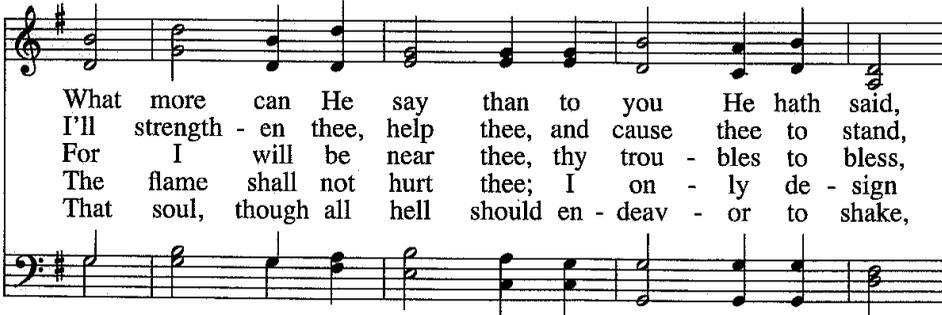
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Rippon's, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.Traditional American Melody
Caldwell's, *Union Harmony*, 1837


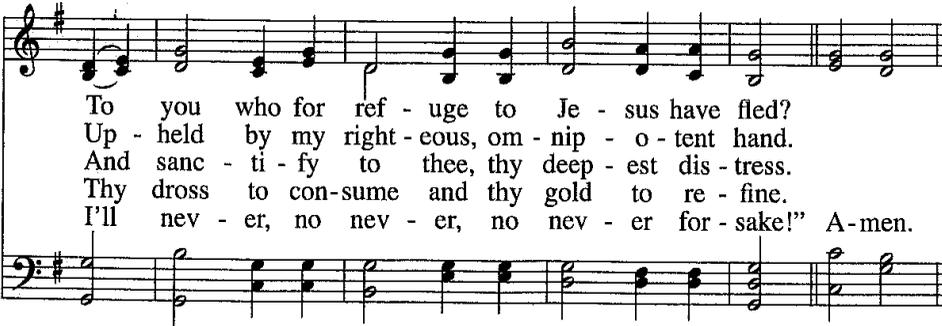
1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,



Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
 The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
 My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I only desire to shake,
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,



To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 Up-held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
 And sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress.
 Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
 I'll never, no never, no never for-sake!" A-men.