

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Bold** text or music score indicates congregational response.

Prayer request cards may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

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

***Please silence all devices and be present with us.***

***If you need to step out, the service is live-streamed in the Chapel.***

### PRELUDE

*Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror in Mirror)*  
by Arvo Pärt

Leslie VanBecker, viola

### WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kent Dobson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

### NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

### INTROIT

*Preces*  
by Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dobson

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**People: The Lord who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds all things.**

Leader: "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

**People: We rejoice and worship the Lord with awe and joy.**

Leader: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**People: We come now to take refuge in the Lord.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 81** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

(stand as you are able)

**OPENING PRAYER** From Psalm 2 (remain standing)

Sue Stoddard

Leader: Let us pray together. Sovereign Lord, when the world resists your ways,

**People: Teach us to serve the Lord with awe, and rejoice with trembling.**

Leader: When power and pride rise against you,

**People: Remind us that your purposes stand firm.**

Leader: You are our refuge and our hope.

**People: Blessed are all who take refuge in you. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (remain standing)

**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**

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
by Hart Morris

Mayflower Bells

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rachael Cooley

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 17:1-9  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 694

Sue Stoddard

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*To Change Forms*

Rev. Dobson

**HYMN 147** (stand as you are able) *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* PLEADING SAVIOR

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Dobson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Who is This?*  
by John Ferguson

Chancel Choir and  
Leslie VanBecker, viola

Who is this who walks among us? Who is this who speaks such words?  
Is it Moses, or Elijah, or some prophet of the Lord?

Can we name this suff'ring servant? Can we name the promised sun?  
Can we name the heir of David? Jesus, Hidden, holy one.

You are Christ, from God eternal! Living God, from human womb,  
Our deliv'rer and redeemer, known by cross and empty tomb.  
Jesus, hidden, holy one.

**DOXOLOGY** (stand as you are able)

**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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Rev. Dobson

## 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 56** (stand as you are able)

*Beautiful Savior*

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMM. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Harold Montgomery

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dobson

**POSTLUDE**

*The Transfiguration*

Dr. Brown

by Dom Benoit, OSB (1893-1979)

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**Please join us for coffee and cookies in the Atrium after the service.  
All are Welcome!**

If you would like to provide cookies for the Sunday reception,  
please email [Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org](mailto:Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org)



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** **FEBRUARY 18 | 6pm**

Join us for worship on Wednesday evening as we embark on our Lenten journey of finding a *Wellspring in the Wilderness* through prayer and meditation.

# MAYFLOWER CHURCH PRESENTS:

**“Rooted: How to Grow Secure Kids in a Wobbly World”**

**Join us at Mayflower on Wednesday at 4:30pm  
as we continue our adult learning series.**



**FEB. 18 | Nurturing Faith and Building a Family Legacy**

This session will be facilitated by Melissa VanderZyden, LMSW; Pastor Ruth Bell Olsson; Pastor Kent Dobson; and Rachael Cooley. Parents, Grandparents, and all those who care about children and youth are invited to join throughout the series.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**Sundays | 9-10am | Chapel  
March 1 and 8**

**- CHILDCARE AVAILABLE IN THE NURSERY -**

**Whether you are new to Mayflower,  
ready to become a member, or just curious to learn more -  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

**To reserve your spot call 616-459-6255 or email [office@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:office@mayflowerchurch.org)**



**SCOTT BOSSCHER, Chancel Choir Director,  
to retire at the end of the choir season**

Mayflower has been blessed with Scott's expertise, musicianship, and deep spirituality as he led our Chancel Choir for the past seven years. We are grateful for all he has given and taught us during his tenure. Scott and Jane are members at Mayflower and plan to stay and continue to be involved in the life of our church.

**We invite you to join us as we celebrate Scott on Sunday, May 31.**

# 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](mailto:office@mayflowerchurch.org).) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.*

## PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

We celebrate **with our confirmands** who became our newest church members last week.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Chuck Henry** has moved to a care facility and would appreciate prayers for this transition. (2/10)

Pray for **Mary Newton** who had knee replacement surgery on Feb. 2. We pray for a quick and smooth recovery. (1/27)

Pray for **Carol VerMeulen** as she is in Emmanuel Hospice Care with stage 4 lung cancer. (1/13)

Pray for **Jane Henderson**, as she's in hospice care. (1/6)

**Lindy Crandell** is struggling with a lung disease and heart issues and welcomes our prayers. (1/6)

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We mourn with the **Schutt family** in the passing of **Kateri's** father, Tim Klein of Frankfort, MI. (2/10)

Julie Cornetet, friend of **Courtenay and Doug Oosterman**, passed away peacefully on Jan. 12. Please pray for her husband Ron and family as they mourn her passing. (2/4)

Please pray for the family of **Barbara Gordon**, who passed away Feb. 1, in Naples, FL. A service was held for her on Feb. 7 at Mayflower. (2/3)

Our hearts go out to **Kate and John Schneider** and Kate's mom, **Cindy** as they mourn the passing of Kate's father, Roger Bera. (2/3)

## PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR WORLD

May we take time to sit in silence and listen to the heart of God. In these troubling days, may we remember that God is a God of hope, joy, peace and love. We pray for peace not violence, hope to flourish, joy to sprout and love to triumph over hate.

We pray for peace in midst of division, strife, violence and war.

Our outreach partner, EFM, in Eastern Congo has lived and served in one of the most divided, violent and war-torn places on the globe. In this context, they have committed, in the name of Christ, to seek and sow peace. We recently received an update:

*With your support, seven days of Faith Restoration and Peace Building are already complete in Goma's Ndosho quarter, with Advanced Peace Building underway to form a new Community Peace Committee. In just two months, **39 church leaders from 11 churches—serving more than 2,750 congregants and thousands more of their neighbors—**have been encouraged in their faith and equipped to prevent violent conflict.*

*In the new year, we've continued Faith Restoration and Peace Building in the rural community of Kabale Katambi. We also launched a new pilot initiative to bring healing to women and girls who have suffered deep physical, spiritual, and emotional harm.*

*We are deeply encouraged by these results in just the first month of 2026 and look forward to sharing more in the months ahead.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity, and for holding the work of EFM Congo in your prayers. Your partnership makes this work possible. "Blessed are the peacemakers"!*



# Weekly Calendar

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

## **Today, February 15**

**10:30am** | Transfiguration Sunday

## **THIS WEEK**

**16** Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm

**17** Breakfast Club | 6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | 8am  
Needlepoint & Stitching | 10am  
Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30am  
*Cub Scouts\** | 6pm

**18** Midweek | 4:30pm  
Ash Wednesday Service | 6pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6:30pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm  
Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

**19** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 10am  
Doubts on Draft | 5pm  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

**20** Men's Bible Study | 7am

**22** Scout Sunday | 10:30am  
Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast | 11:30am  
Elevate | 5pm



## **SCOUT SUNDAY Pancake Breakfast**

### **FEB. 22 | FOLLOWING SERVICE**

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, fruit,  
coffee & juice - served by Troop 271.

**\$10 per person | or \$30 for a family**

All proceeds go towards Gettysburg trip.

Pay on the 22nd, or prepay:  
venmo (@Susan-Keil-3, 7929).

**Please RSVP with the QR code  
to assist us with planning.**



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 1 | FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP**

The Associate Pastor Search Committee is pleased to invite members to a Congregational Meeting following the Sunday service on March 1, 2026. At this time, the committee will formally recommend that Mayflower Church extend a call to Kent Dobson to serve as our Associate Pastor and will ask for a congregational vote.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Search Committee.

Respectfully, Susan Laffrey and Dale DeHaan, Co-Chairs; Harold Montgomery; Chelsea Newton; Patty Sienstra; Justin Starnes; Betsy Willey; and Steve Armfield, serving as an Advisor to the committee.



# Mayflower Small Groups: *Building Community*

*Get plugged into Mayflower, consider joining one of the following small groups. To get involved, contact the church office (616-459-6255 or [office@MayflowerChurch.org](mailto:office@MayflowerChurch.org)). These groups meet on a regular basis either at the church, or a restaurant, or someone's home, if noted. For up to date information, check the web calendar.*

## **29UP (For ages 29+)**

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship at various locations.

## **69UP (For ages 69+)**

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship at various locations.

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays | 7:30pm

## **Doubts on Draft**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month | 5pm

*Next meeting: Feb 19*

*Vivant Brewery (925 Cherry St. SE)*

Have questions about faith, spirituality, the Bible, your own story? Gather with Pastor Kent Dobson over a pint for informal conversation and community.

## **Grown-ups Gather & Graze (For ages 49+)**

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship. Our fun and fellowship will be Caribbean themed. Please bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice.

**High School Breakfast Club** – Tuesdays | 6:30am

High school students meet at Wolfgang's restaurant for breakfast.

## **Ladies' Luncheon**

*Next meeting: Feb. 17 at 11:30am*

*Acapulco Mexican Grill (2230 E. Beltline)*

Women of all ages and stages gather for a time of food and fellowship at various local restaurants.

RSVP: Maris Rosema (616-821-0413)

## **LGBTQ Support Circle**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month | 6pm | Library

*Next meeting: Feb. 26 at 6pm*

Support for parents, grandparents, and friends of LGBTQ. This group is open to any who are seeking community as they support their LGBTQ loved ones.

**Mayflower Bells** – Wednesdays | 6:30pm

**Needlepoint & Stitching** – Tuesdays | 10am | Atrium

## **Priscilla Circle**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month | 11am

*Next meeting: March 4*

The women of Mayflower's Priscilla Circle volunteer and raise funds for causes associated with the church and our community. *On Wed., March 4, following the monthly meeting, Priscilla Circle will host a Ukrainian Egg Decorating Class from 1-4pm all are invited. Please email Marjie Gell at [marjoriegell@gmail.com](mailto:marjoriegell@gmail.com) to sign up.*

## **Women's Bible Studies**

Mondays | 9:30am | Cindy DeBoer

Mondays | 5pm | Helen Bell

Thursdays | 10am | Pastor Steve Armfield

## **Men's Bible Studies**

Mondays | 5pm

Tuesdays | 8am

Fridays | 7am

## **Partnering Organization Small Groups**

*These groups meet at Mayflower on a regular basis.*

**AI-Anon** – Wednesdays | 7pm | Parlor

**Boy Scout Troop 271** – Thursdays | 7:30pm

**Cub Scouts** – Tuesdays | 6pm

## **ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS**

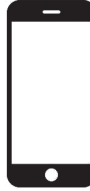
Your generous gifts ensure Mayflower's current and future ministry. Thank you.

For your convenience we offer 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: 6163446255** (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

## **2025 BUDGET SUMMARY**

We saw great momentum with membership engagement and new member class participation. Pledge revenue and year end giving was up approximately \$70k from last year. Personnel and H&G expenses continue to rise which demonstrates our need for sustained long term growth. In 2025, we had a deficit budget of (\$53k) which we beat handily ending the year at +\$54k. In 2025, we had 187 giving units, while 195 are planned so far for 2026.

## **MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson**, Senior Pastor | **Rev. Kent Dobson**, Interim Associate Pastor

**Dr. Julia Brown**, Director of Music & Organist

**Rachael Cooley**, Executive Director of Youth, Outreach, & Operations

**Amy Dunham**, Office Manager | **Andy Ely**, Business Manager | **Murry Idema**, Care Representative

**Kristen Van Stee**, Communications Coordinator | **Kathy Tetzlaff**, Facilities

**Scott Bosscher**, Chancel Choir Director | **Dr. Mark Webb** and **Melia Colwell**, Midweek Choir Directors

**Brennen Kartes**, Director of Midweek Bells | **Aaron Wheeler**, Children's Choir Accompanist

**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.**



THE TRIUNE GOD

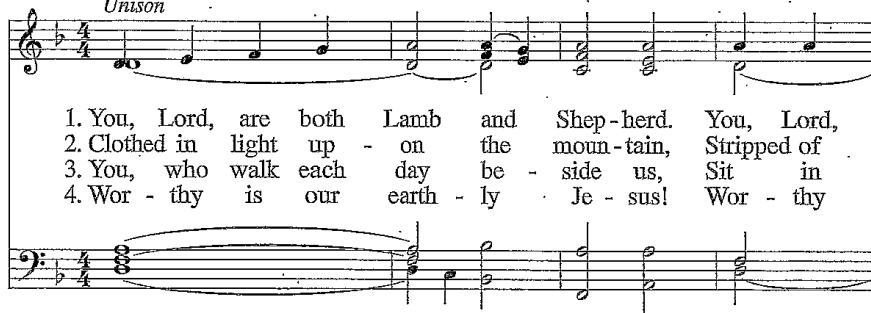
# 81 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

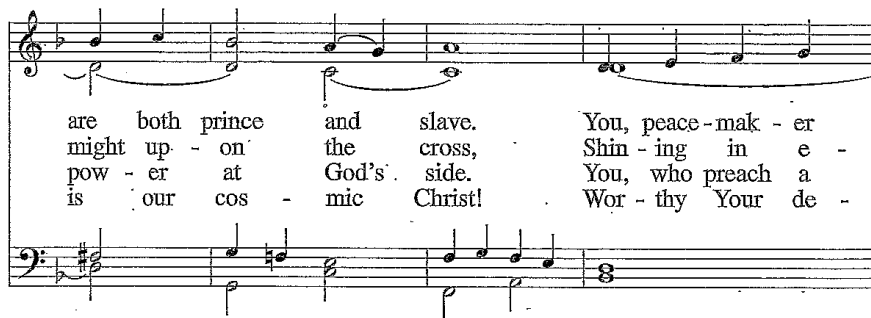
French Carol

Harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-

*Unison*



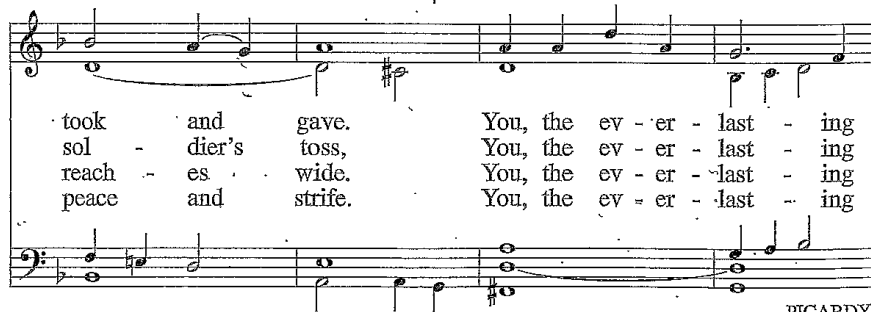
1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord,  
2. Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, Stripped of  
3. You, who walk each day be - side us, Sit in  
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy



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  
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peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

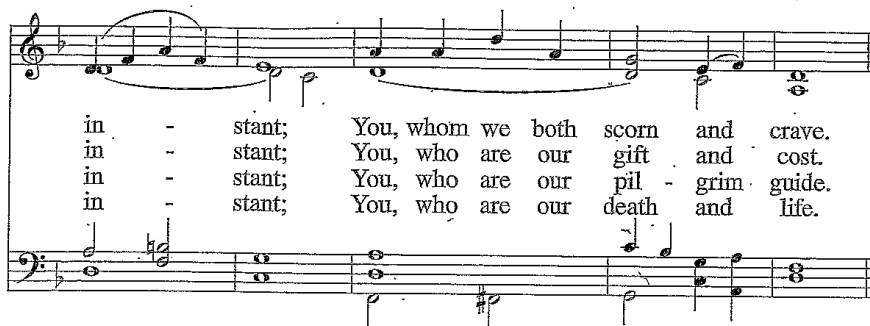
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PICARDY  
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THE SON

*Praise to Jesus Christ*

## THE TRIUNE GOD



The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a vocal melody with a long note on 'stant;' followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains a piano accompaniment with a steady eighth-note bass line and chords. The lyrics are printed between the staves, aligned with the notes.

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.

# THE TRIUNE GOD

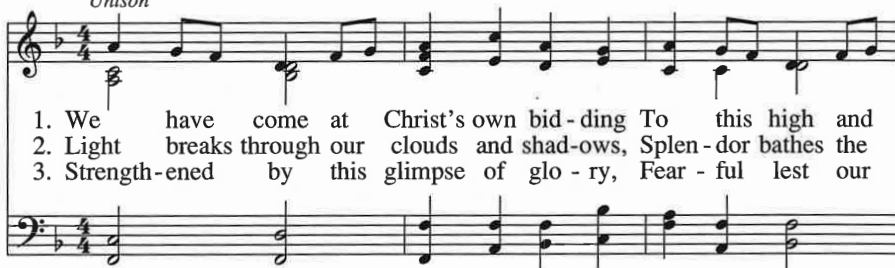
## 147 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1944-

Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830

Arr. by Jack Schrader, 1942-


*Unison*



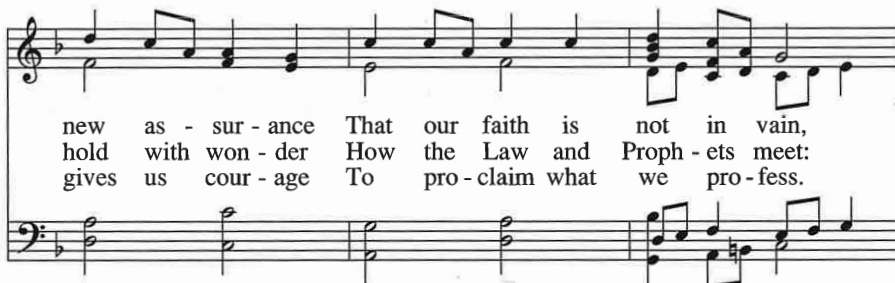
1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding To this high and  
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, Splen - dor bathes the  
 3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, Fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing  
 flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing



For some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for  
 As the heav'n - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be -  
 To re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship



new as - sur - ance That our faith is not in vain,  
 hold with won - der How the Law and Proph - ets meet:  
 gives us cour - age To pro - claim what we pro - fess.

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## THE TRIUNE GOD

Search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples  
Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness,  
That our dai - ly lives may prove us

For a sign both clear and plain.  
Stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
Peo - ple of the God we bless.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Most gracious and loving God, we have been called as Your people to this holy place by Your Son, Jesus the Christ. We gather in hopeful anticipation that we might experience a sense of Your grace as we worship. As did Your first disciples, we look for some assurance that our faith is not in vain. We pray, as your disciples in this time and place, that You transform us as You did those first disciples, and enable us to live as Your people this day and every day. May we have the courage to proclaim our faith so that others might see You through the lives that we live. We pray with thankful hearts, hearts full to overflowing, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt

## Beautiful Savior

*Münster Gesangbuch, 1677*

Trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

*Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842*

Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900, alt.

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd serve Thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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