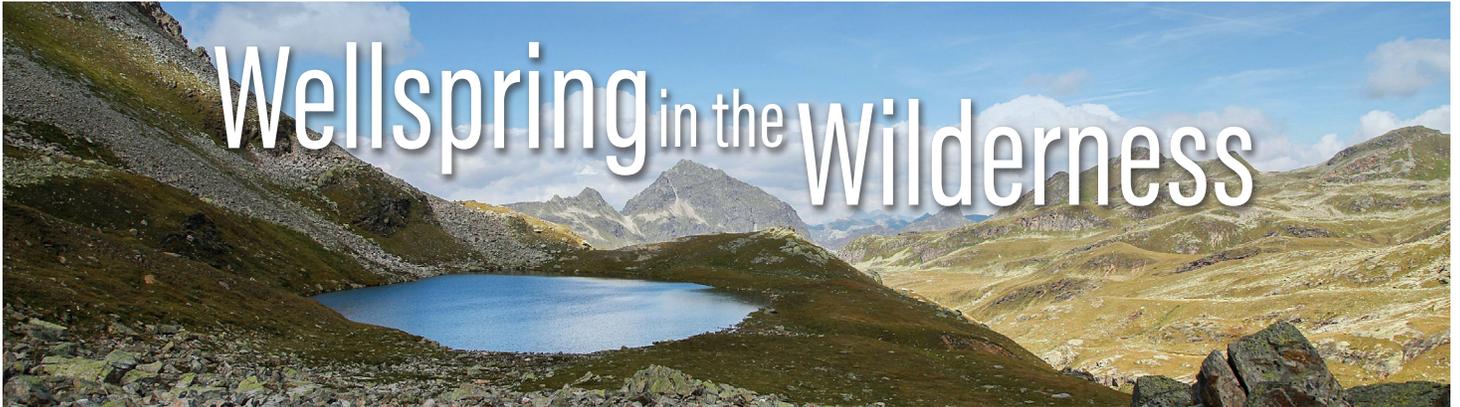


# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 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

*What Wondrous Love*  
by Dale Wood

Dr. Julia Brown

### WELCOME

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson & Rev. Kent Dobson

### INTROIT

*Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray*  
by Orlando Gibbons

Chancel Choir

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay; let me evermore abide, hidden in thy wounded side.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*A Reading of Psalm 130*

Rev. Dobson

Leader: Let us go up to the Temple of the Lord. Let us worship God, in his Holy Place.

**People: Let us go up to the Temple.**

### HYMN 191 (stand as you are able)

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

**OPENING PRAYER** Ezekiel 37

Rev. Dobson

Leader: The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

**People: Sovereign Lord, you alone know.**

Leader: Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'

**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**

*What Wondrous Love*  
by Brenda Austin

Mayflower Bells

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rachael Cooley

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 11: 32-44  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 760

Rachel Blair

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Jesus Wept*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 227** (stand as you are able) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Dobson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The Call*  
by Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Words for this anthem may be found in the Hymnal #348

**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

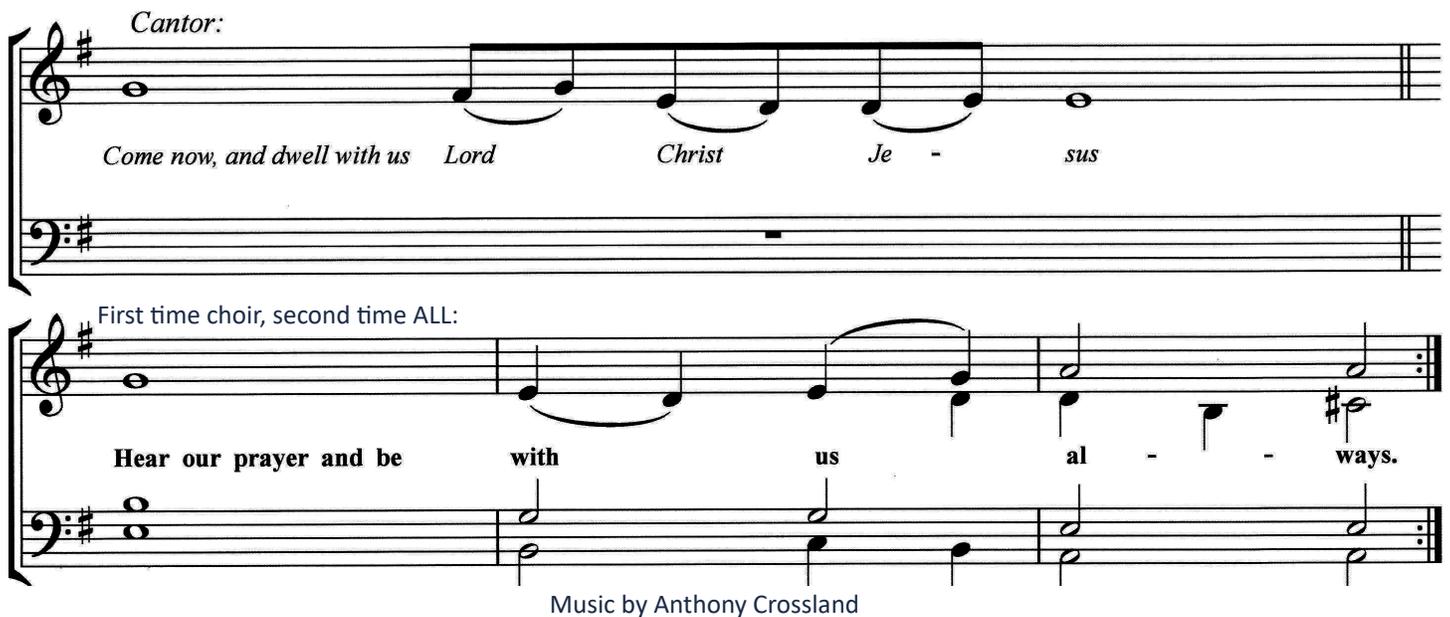
Leader: Can we hear God's voice calling us out?

**People: Lord, roll away the stone.**

(After a moment of silence, repeat, following the leader.)

## SUNG RESPONSE (sung by all)

*Cantor:*



Come now, and dwell with us Lord Christ Je - sus

First time choir, second time ALL:  
Hear our prayer and be with us al - - ways.

Music by Anthony Crossland

## 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.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE (stand as you are able)

Rev. Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

## HYMN 434 (remain standing) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell Olsson

## POSTLUDE

*Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te Devote*  
by Léon Boëllmann

Dr. Brown

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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)

# Weekly Calendar

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

## Today, March 22

**10:30am** | Sunday Worship

**5pm** | Elevate

## THIS WEEK

**23** Women's Bible Study | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 5pm

Men's Bible Study | 5pm

**24** Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Men's Bible Study | 8am

Needlepoint & Stitching | 10am

*Cub Scouts\** | 6pm

Council Mtg. | 6:30pm

**25** *Sisters of Faith\** | 10:30am

Midweek | 4:30pm

Midweek Family Chapel | 6pm

Mayflower Bells | 6:30pm

*Al-Anon\** | 7pm

Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

**26** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

LGBTQ Support Circle | 6pm

*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

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

**29** Palm Sunday | 10:30am

Elevate | 5pm

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### College Exam Care Package Snacks/Assembly April 14 | 10am



Do you have a college student? Come and join other parents of college students as we assemble Final Exam Care Packages filled with snacks and fun. Bring a box and a bulk item from the sign up (click on QR code).

### Senior Sunday | April 19 | 10:30am

We will be honoring our High School Seniors during the Sunday service on April 19. If you have a graduating senior, please reach out to the church office so that we can have them be a part of this special milestone.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sharon Chamberlain



Jennifer Tendero



Mary Newton



Nancy Dobry



Madison Machala



Christine & Matthew Martin  
Grant (13), George (9)



Nicole & Josiah DeBoer



Ali & Corey Turner  
Drew (2), Graham (2 mo.)



Christopher & Julia Swenson  
Daniel (3), Lucy (8), James (6)



Julie & Laurin Darnell



Paul & Diane Jones



Lisa & Mark Stuart



Susie & Andy Rent



Natasha & Andy Bledsoe  
Oscar (7)



Emily & Andrew Hakim  
Robby (5), Cameron (2)



Rebecca & Andrew Preston  
Lucy (5), Sam (9), Tessa (7)



Lindsay Snyder & Diego Rojas  
Kate (7), Caroline (11), William (13)

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: SUMMER YOUTH WILDERNESS TRIPS

## May 29-31, 2026 | Manistee National Forest, MI

Two nights of backpacking, followed by a canoe float down the Manistee River. Learn basic wilderness skills, hiking and canoeing, spiritual practices and experiences, have fun in the wild without modern distractions, swim in the river and celebrate life. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

Registration is open. Please scan the **MANISTEE** QR code to sign up today.

▶ **OPEN TO MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS - \$100/STUDENT\***

▶ **OPEN TO A LIMITED ADULT PARTICIPANTS - \$150/ADULT**

\*There will be a mandatory fundraising event for students to attend to cover additional costs.



## August 4-8, 2026 | New River Gorge, WV

Float the river, camp on the Appalachian Trail, repel the cliff walls, learn wilderness skills, spiritual practices and experiences, have fun in the wild without modern distractions, seek a deeper more connected life with God and the natural world. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

Registration is open, **\$1,000\*/participant**. Scan the **WEST VIRGINIA** QR code to sign up.

▶ **OPEN TO YOUTH PARTICIPANTS AGES 12 AND UP**

▶ **OPEN TO ADULT PARTICIPANTS**

\*\$100 deposit due at sign-up. Pricing subject to change based on # of participants and fundraising.



# 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 celebrate with our **new members** in joining Mayflower Church!

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Gary Wallin**. He fell in Florida and is in the hospital. (3/3)

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Steve Draft friend of **Dale and Ellen DeHaan** is in hospice care. Prayers appreciated for Steve, his wife Ellyn, and their family. (3/14)

Please pray for Milt Stainbrook, a friend of a church member, who is experiencing kidney failure. (3/4)

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

**Barbara Schoendorf** passed away Mar. 14. We pray for her family as they mourn her passing. There will be a visitation on Mar. 23, 4-7pm at Gerst Funeral Home (3980 Cascade Rd. SE) followed by a service at 7pm. (3/14)

## PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR WORLD

"Pray for peace in Jerusalem." -Psalm 122:6

As bombs fly and people huddle in shelters, and as the global death toll rises and leaders make decisions that reverberate across land and sea, we pray for wisdom. We pray for peace. We pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

## 2026 CROSS AWARDS



# Wellspring in the Wilderness

## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

### MARCH 29 | PALM SUNDAY | 10:30AM WORSHIP

Following the Palm Sunday service, live animals and an Easter egg hunt will occur on the front lawn. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities!



### APRIL 2 | MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6PM

ALL are invited as we engage in the narrative of Jesus' last supper with His disciples before His journey to the cross. Bring your family, kids are welcome! We'll share a meal, hear scripture, and share communion. Please RSVP so we know how much food to plan. To RSVP, scan the QR code or call the office (616-459-6255).



### APRIL 3 | GOOD FRIDAY | 6PM

*Journey to the Cross* – a worship service of music and readings. You won't want to miss this service with the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, Mayflower's Chancel Choir, and instrumentalists from the Grand Rapids Symphony.

### APRIL 5 | EASTER | 10:30AM WORSHIP

Join us in worship as we acknowledge that love wins even in the wilderness as we worship and hear a message filled with the joy of the resurrection. Come sing the Hallelujah Chorus and bring flowers to adorn our wooden cross.



# Committee Descriptions

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

## Children & Youth Committee

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

*Meets 3-4 times/year as needed*

## Christian Outreach Committee

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

*Meets 2nd Tuesday/month 12-1pm*

## Congregational Care Committee

From the prayer list to visits to homes or hospitals; from helpful workshops to care groups and circles of support; from cards and flowers, our desire is to make sure our congregation is well cared for and has the resources they need.

*Meets 3rd Thursday/month 4-5pm*

## Congregational Events Committee

Develops, organizes, and leads social events.

*Meets 3-4 times/year as needed*

## Council

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

*Meets 4th Tuesday/month 6:30pm*

## 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.

*Meets 3-4 times/year as needed*

## Executive Committee

A small group of former moderators who advise the Council and Senior Minister on special projects, provide additional wisdom and council, and encourage the greater congregation. *Meets as needed*

## 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.

*Meets 3-4 times/year as needed*

## 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.

*Meets 3rd Tuesday/month 8-9am*

## Nominating Committee

Recruits Council members and committee members and any other special committees as required. *Meets March-May*

## Personnel Committee

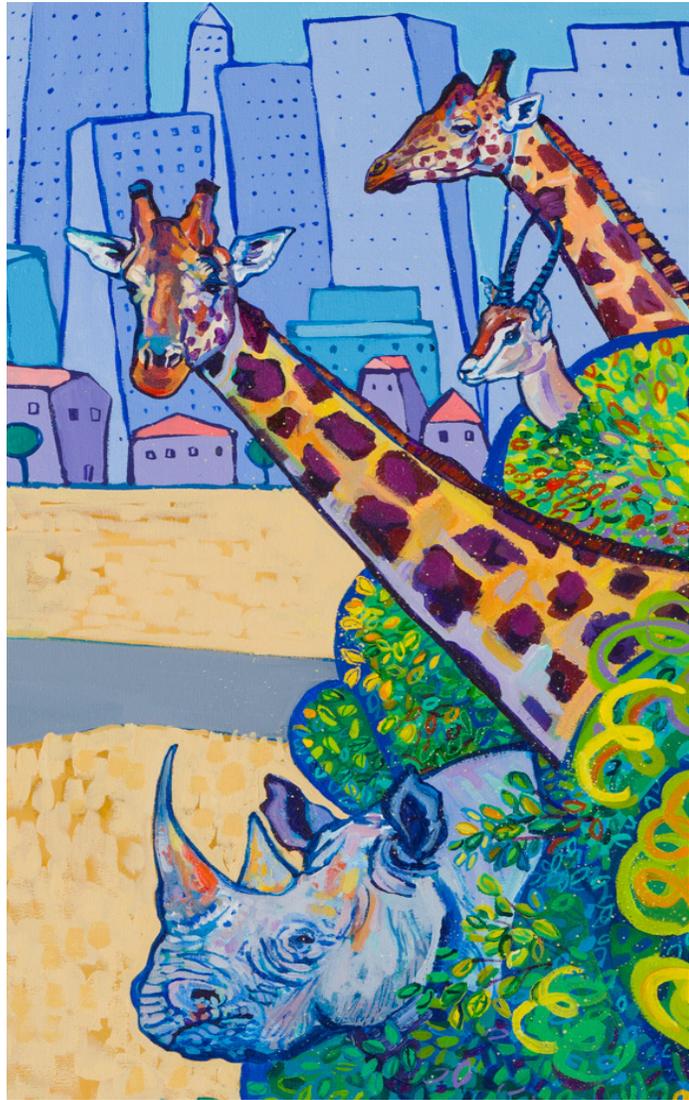
Makes recommendations to Council with regard to staff leadership positions, provides guidance when HR questions arise, review issues of legal compliance and assist leadership as needed with staffing decisions.

*Meets as needed*

## 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.

*Meets 2nd Tuesday/month 4-5pm*



# Mayflower ART CAMP!



This year we welcome artist, Joel Schoon-Tanis, to Art Camp! Joel's artwork will be on display at church throughout the week and he will open each day of camp with instruction and a demonstration on the creative process, visual literacy, and faith and art.

**JUNE 8-11 | 9am-12pm**  
**REGISTRATION OPEN-\$100/child**  
Rising Kindergarteners-5<sup>th</sup> grade



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER TODAY



**SUNDAY, April 19**  
*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 on 4/19.

# 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

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. 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**

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

## **LGBTQ Support Circle**

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

**Next meeting: March 26**

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: April 1**

The women of Mayflower's Priscilla Circle volunteer and raise funds for causes associated with the church and our community.

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

### **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.**

## **MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Senior Pastor | Rev. Kent Dobson, 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, May-Flowers Ministry | Rachel Blair, Congregational Care Coordinator**

**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

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What Wondrous Love Is This

American Folk Hymn

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Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
2. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
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To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To  
won - drous love is this, That caused the Lord of life To  
God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM, While  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, And

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
lay a - side His crown for my soul, for my  
mil - lions join the theme I will sing, I will  
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

# THE TRIUNE GOD

soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
soul, To lay a - side His crown for my soul.  
sing; While mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul. soul, To lay a - side His crown for my soul. sing; While mil - lions join the theme I will sing. on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.'

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt.

Robert Jackson, 1840-1914

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost  
 heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I will one  
 whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly part of  
 nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect

love And do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will, To do and to en - dure.  
 me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

George N. Allen, 1812-1877

Adapt. by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me  
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near; When my life is al - most gone,  
 near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

PRECIOUS LORD  
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