

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 2, 2026

MAYFLOWER SUMMER SERIES: Journey Through Genesis

This summer we will sing, study, reflect, and pray through the first book of the Bible. We'll begin each week with a liturgical call to worship based on the Creation Story, and the sermon will explore the major stories as they unfold in Genesis.

PRELUDE

Scherzino on Come, Thou Fount
by Sondra Tucker

Handbell Ensemble and Organ

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

C. Stiffler

Leader: In the beginning...

People: God created the heavens and the earth, and rested on the seventh day.

Leader: On the seventh day God rested from all the work of creation.

People: And God blessed the seventh day.

Leader: We lay down our striving and enter God's rest.

People: Let us worship in peace and gratitude.

OPENING HYMN 19 (stand as you are able)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

OPENING PRAYER

C. Stiffler

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 24

C. Stiffler

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Finding One's VOX

Rev. Dobson

HYMN 367 (stand as you are able)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Daniel Weinrick, bass

Love Bade Me Welcome from Five Mystical Songs
words by George Herbert; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lack'd anything.

'A guest, 'I answer'd, 'worthy to be here'; Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear, I cannot look on thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply, 'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?'

'My dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So I did sit and eat.

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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We practice an open table and all are welcome to participate. The feast is for everyone.

The ushers will come forward to release you by rows. Take the bread and eat it; take the cup and drink it. You may deposit the cups in the baskets provided. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. You are also welcome to take the elements to your seat and partake when you are ready. If you would like the elements brought to you, signal an usher. Our sacramental elements are gluten free bread and grape juice.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum
by Karl Jenkins

Daniel Weinrick, bass
Scott Bosscher, baritone

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O
sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, so of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (remain standing)

**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 382 (stand as you are able)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dobson

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Ein feste Burg
by Karl Osterland

Dr. Brown

Please join us for coffee in the Atrium after the service.

If you would like to provide treats for the Sunday reception,
please email Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org

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 the engagement of **Brittany McNeil** and **Steve Hecker**. Brittany's daughter, Nina, is eager to be part of the upcoming festivities and ceremony.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers for **Olivia Montgomery**, granddaughter of **Harold and Sharon Montgomery**, for a successful surgery and healing on Aug. 6. (7/28)

Maris Rosema asks for prayers for healing from a lung infection. (7/08)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

We pray for **Sue Defoe's** friend **Wendy** who is undergoing treatments for brain cancer. (6/30)

Diane, friend of **Art and Marilyn Emery**, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. We lift her up in prayer. (6/30)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Former East Grand Rapids resident and childhood Mayflower member, **Brian Caukin**, passed away at his home in Orlando, Florida on June 17. His memorial service will be held at Mayflower on July 31 at 1pm. (6/30)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...God proclaimed them *good*.

As we pray for our world, let us pray with the heart of God. God loves the world God created and all of us who live in it. All of us. God desires peace, harmony and unity for God's people. May we be participants in bringing heaven to earth today and always. Amen.

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pay directly through
E-Zekiel: no sign-up required.

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TEXT TO GIVE

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

Calendar

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

Today, August 2

10:30am | Communion Sunday

AUGUST

5 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

11 Outreach Mtg. | 12pm
Council Mtg. | 6:30pm

12 BBQ and Waterslide | 5pm
*Al-Anon** | 7pm

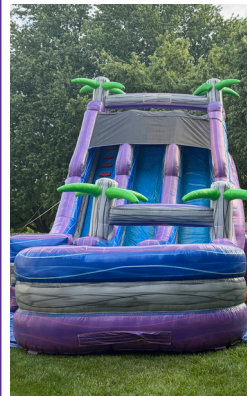
13 *Women's City Club** | 11am

16 Sunday Worship | 10:30am

SUMMER IS STILL SIZZLING, SO LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Waterslide & BBQ

WED., AUGUST 12 | 5-7PM



Mark your calendar for an evening of fun! We'll gather in the middle lot for burgers and hot dogs on the grill, chips, lemonade, and a **HUGE waterslide**. *Everyone is welcome!*

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

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Dr. Mark Webb, Chancel Choir Director | Melia Colwell, Director of Children's Music and Worship

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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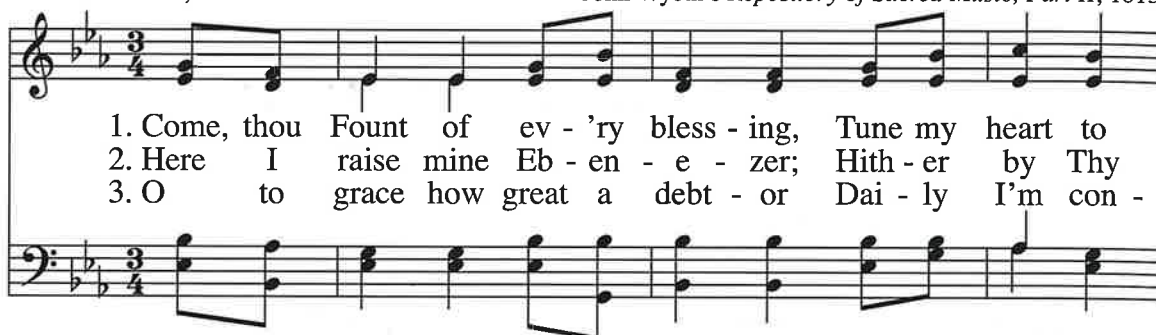
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Samuel 7:12

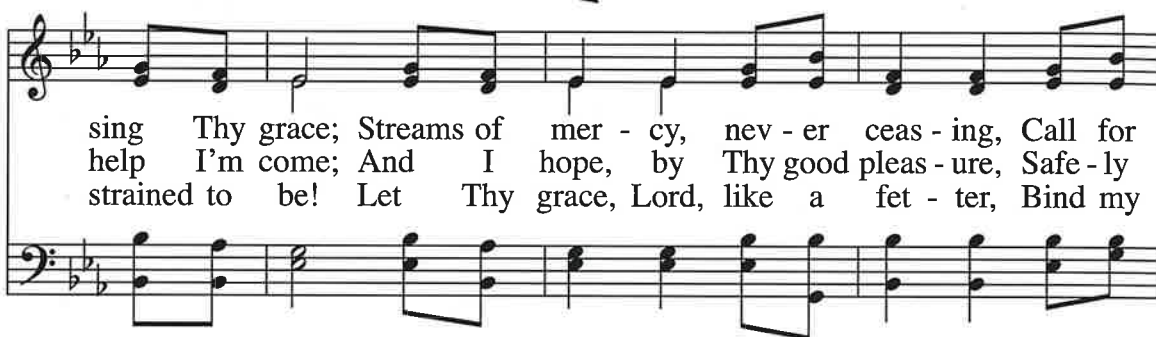
Robert Robinson, 1735–1790

Traditional American Melody

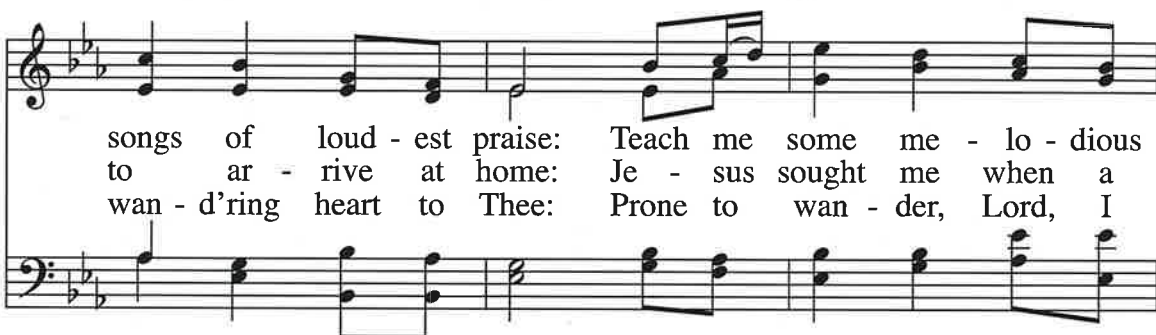
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813



1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb-en-e-zer; Hith-er by Thy
3. O to grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly I'm con -



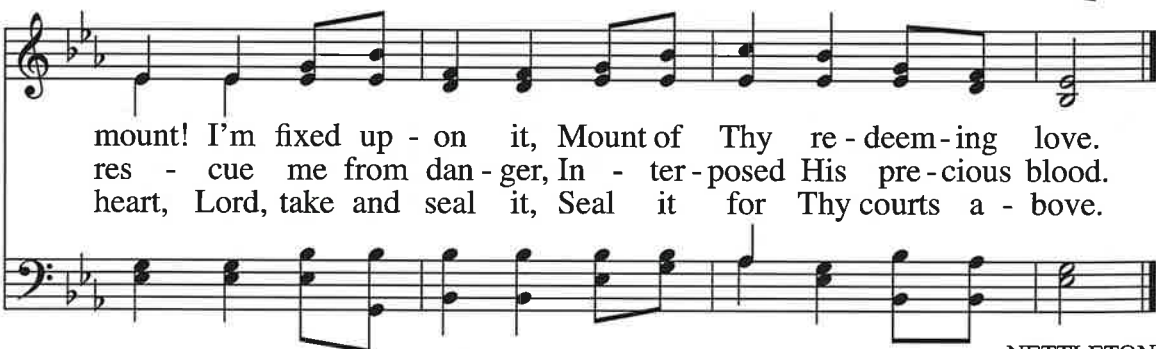
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, Call for
help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, Safe-ly
strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my



songs of loud-est praise: Teach me some me-lo-dious
to ar-rive at home: Je-sus sought me when a
wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan-der, Lord, I



son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; Praise the
stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up-on it, Mount of Thy re-deem-ing love.
res-cue me from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a-bove.

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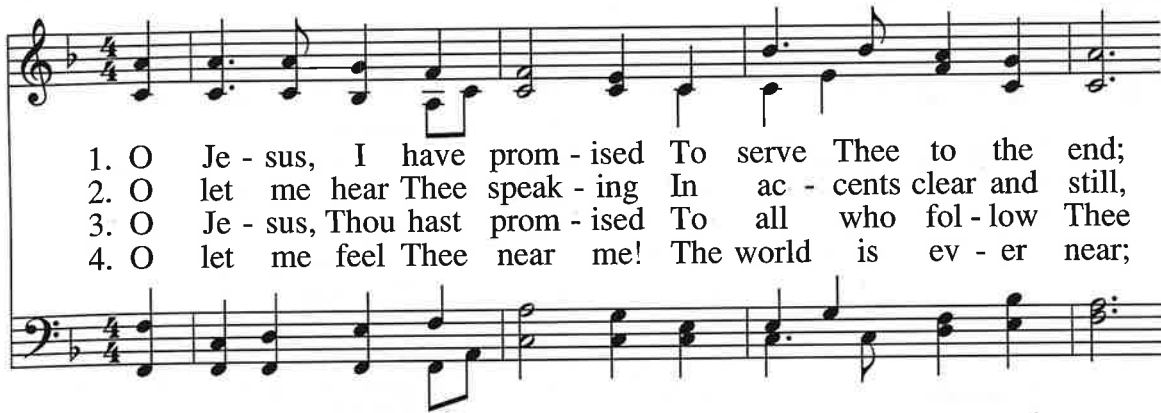
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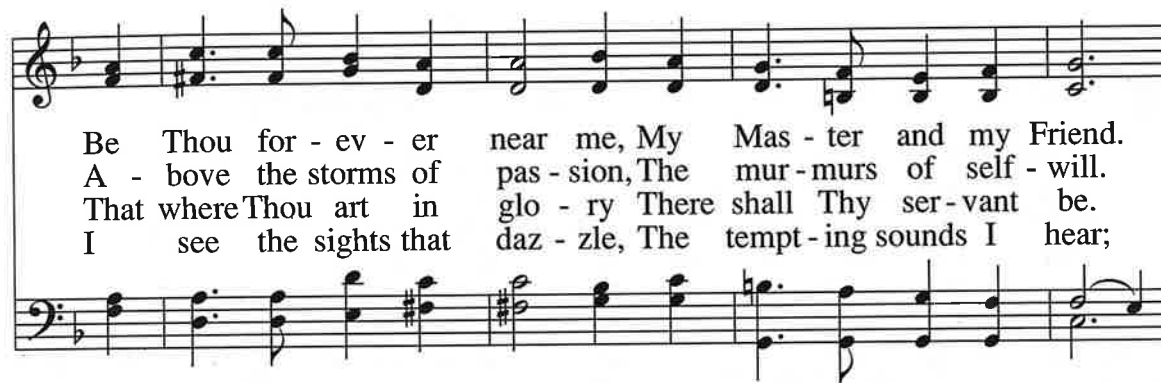
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John E. Bode, 1816-1874

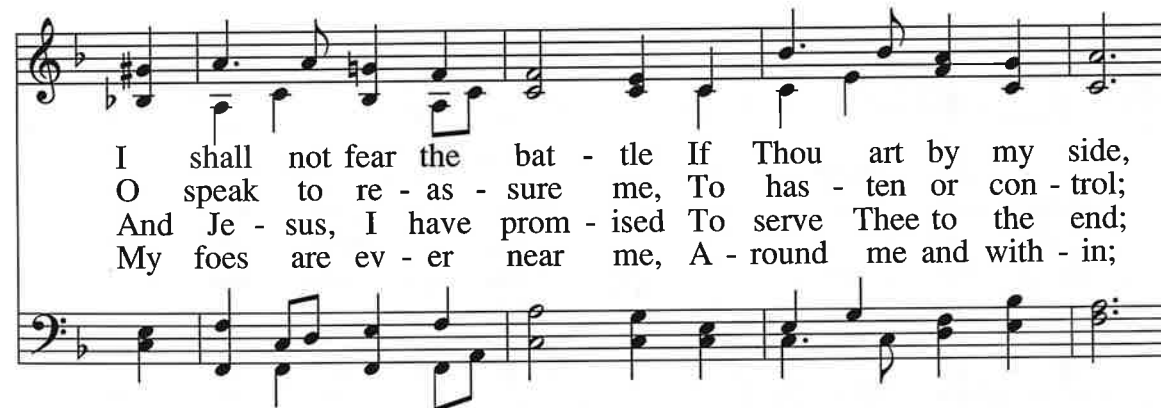
Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929



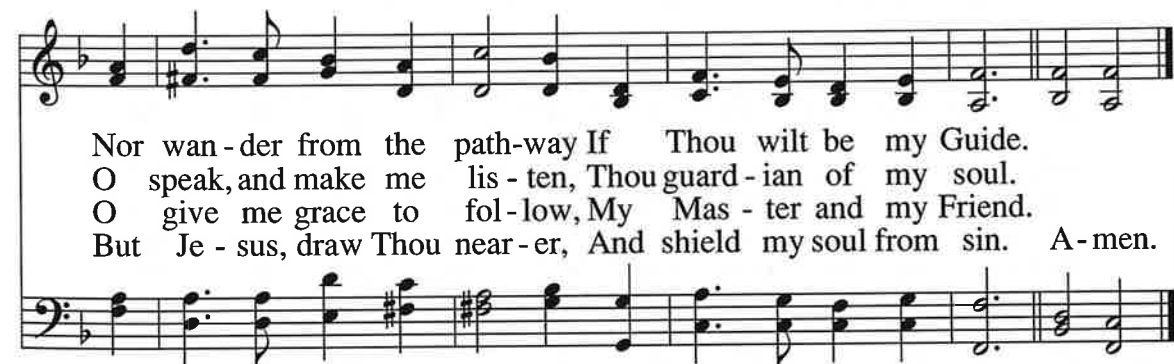
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
 3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee
 4. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend.
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.
 But Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A - men.

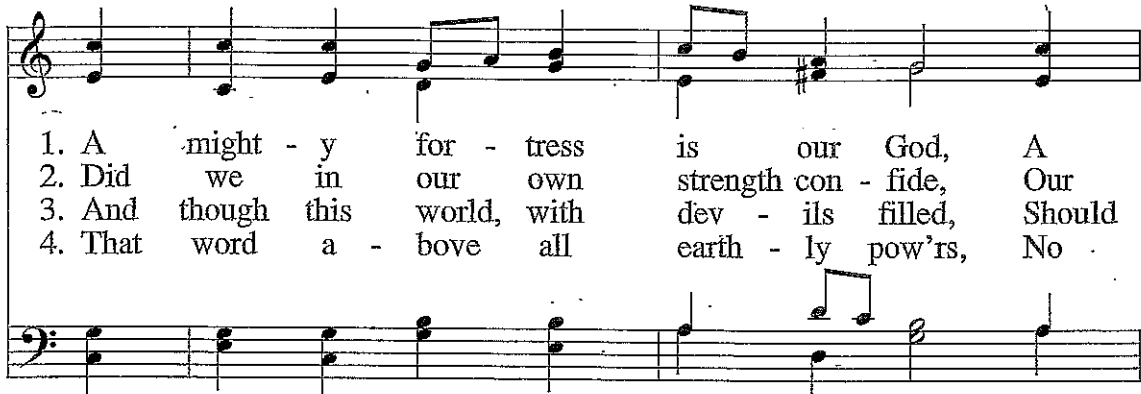
ANGEL'S STORY
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Based on Psalm 46

Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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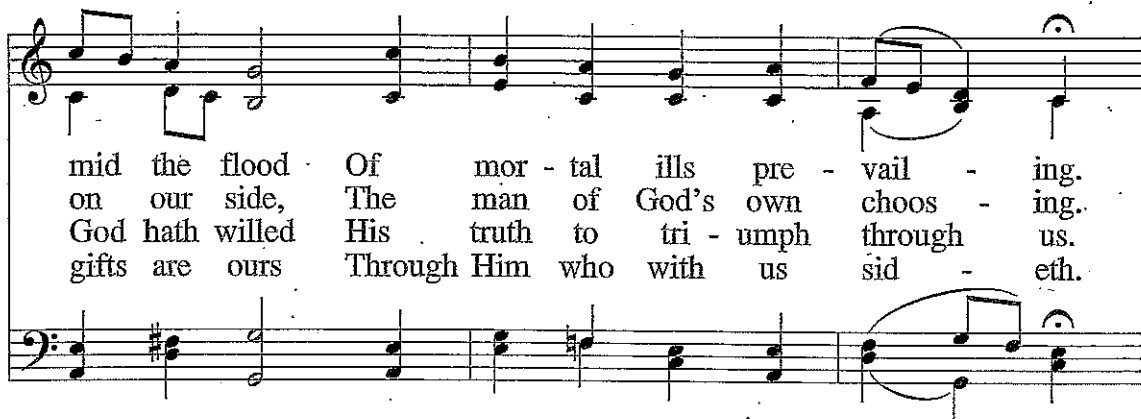
Trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890



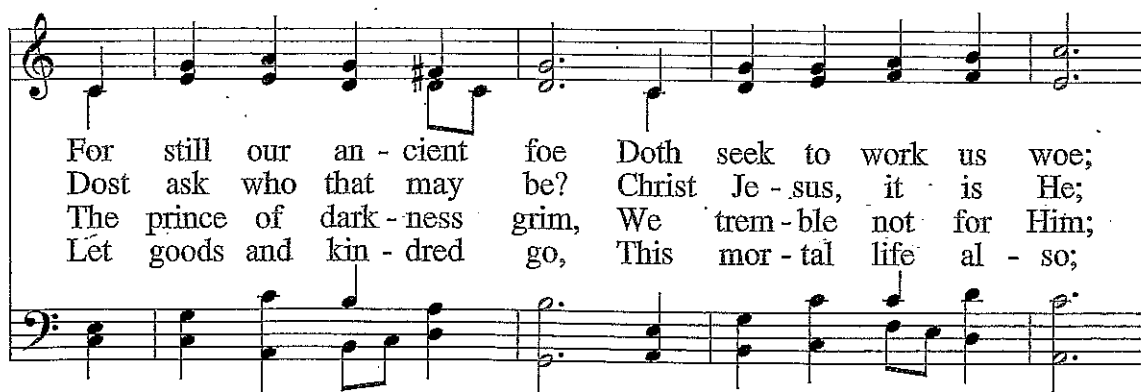
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He a -
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man
 threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the



mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He;
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for Him;
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so;

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

Text trans. © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship* (Angsburg Fortress)

EIN' FESTE BURG

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Comfort and Encouragement

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el hate,
Lord Sa - ba - oth His Name. From age to age the same,
His rage we can en - dure, For lo, His doom is sure:
The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still,

On earth is not his e - qual.
And He must win the bat - tle.
One lit - tle word shall fell Him.
His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Eternal God, we sing of Your strength and power.
We recall Your faithfulness and Your promises.
We proclaim that You have been our refuge and our help,
our fortress and our shield, our helper and the One alongside us.
But we confess that sometimes, especially in trial and tragedy,
we sit stunned, shocked, immobilized, or grief stricken.
We hurt and ache, pained in our own experience,
or for others who face calamity, heartache, and violence.
Lord, we cry out to You to be our comforter, our healer, our hope.
We cry out to You to be the comforter and healer of others who suffer.
We long to feel Your arms of grace and love around us.
Lord, guide us to be those arms to one another.

And We give thanks that when all else seems lost, when darkness hovers,
Your light, Your word, Your grace, Your mercy,
Your peace, Your presence still remain;
and we put our trust in You.
In the power of the Resurrection. Amen.

Rev. Thomas H. Van Tassell