

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (with "He Leadeth Me") (William Bradbury, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 53: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

Opening Prayer

Consecration Moment

Anthem: "God Be in My Head" (John Rutter)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Sermon: "THE ROBE"

Hymn 45: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction

Benediction Response 578 (v. 1): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The service is ended; Oh, now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Greet One Another

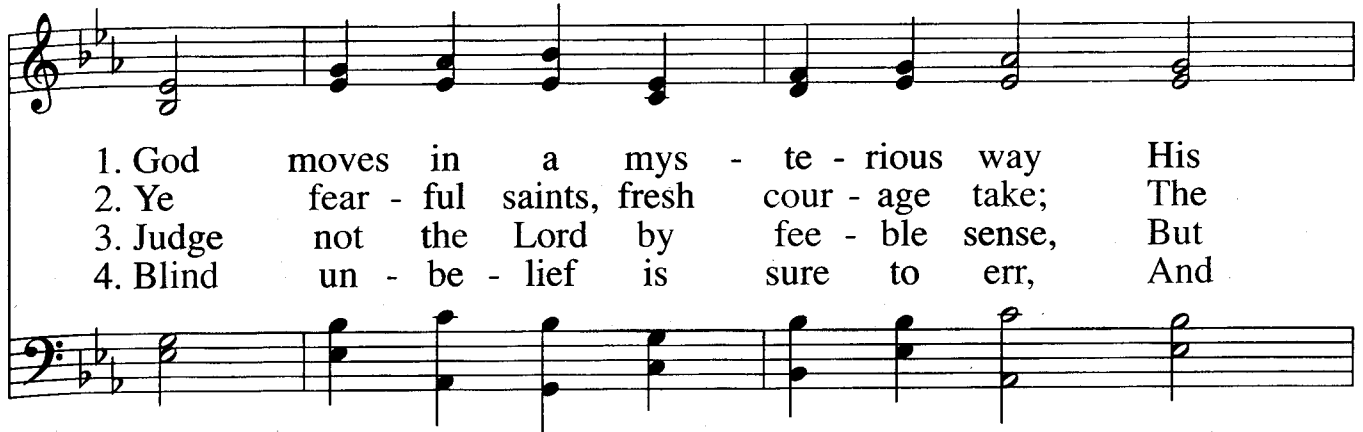
Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Jen Hall, the Chancel Choir

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

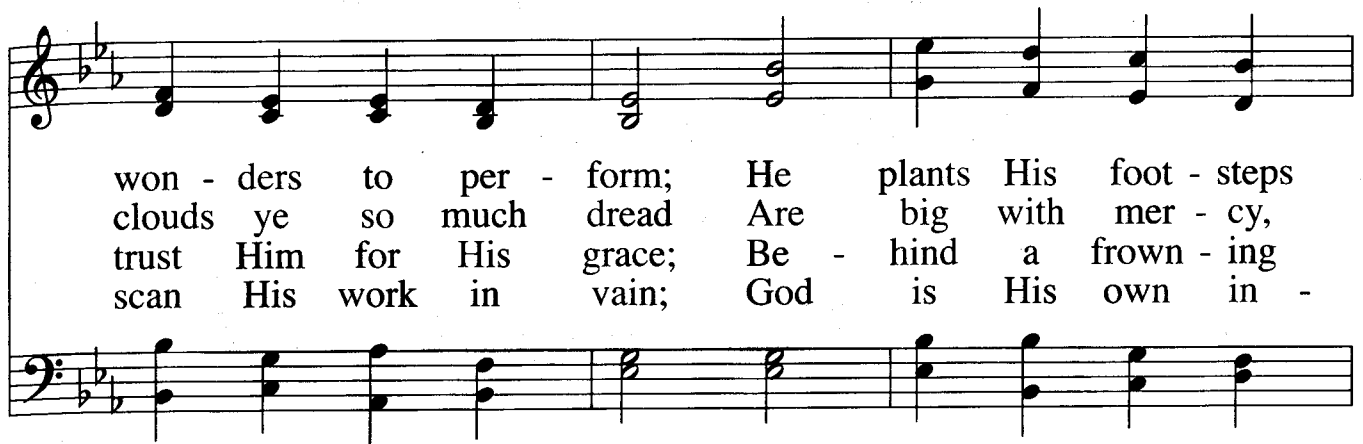
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William Cowper, 1731-1800

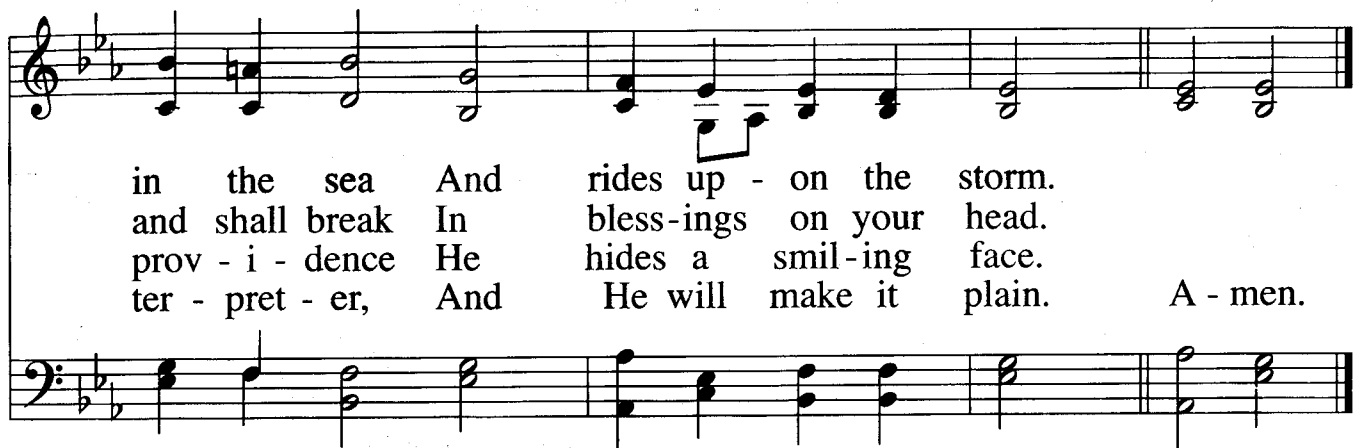
Scottish Psalter, 1615



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The
3. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
4. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, And



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
clouds ye so much dread Are big with mer - cy,
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
and shall break In bless - ings on your head.
prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain. A - men.

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

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Traditional Dutch Melody

Arr. by Julius Röntgen, 1855-1933

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, Which is
 of man's mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most
 fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der From a

more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows
 won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple,
 love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin-ner

Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's
 We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all
 And more grac-es for the good; There is mer-cy with the

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."
 Second verse: "Than the measure of our minds"

THE TRIUNE GOD



fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.
Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood. A - men.