

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" (with "All Day, All Night") (Spirituals, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Michael

Hymn 304: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Michael

Installation of Officers and Committee Members - Pastor Mark

Anthem: "What Does the Lord Require?" (Albert Bayly, arr. Eric Nelson) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark
Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

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

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8 - Rachel

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon: ". . . AND JUSTICE FOR ALL?" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion - Pastor Mark, Pastor Margery, Pastor Rachel

Hymn 309: "Micah 6:8" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response: "We Shall Overcome" (Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson) - Barb/Marsha/DeeAnn

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Rev. Margery Briggs,
Michael Judd, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir, Marsha Hacker

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pastor: Before you are the duly elected members of the Beloved Community who have been called to serve the Mayflower Congregational Church in various positions of leadership and service. It is good to remember that all who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ are called to serve one another in his name. Jesus calls us to share in a life of discipleship and service. Let us now respond to that call.

Pastor: Jesus said, "If one of you wants to be great, you must be servant of all."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are humble, for they will receive what God has promised."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Love one another, just as I have loved you; for by this shall everyone know that you are my disciples if you have love, one for another."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples and I will be with you always, to the end of the world."

People: **Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.**

Pastor: Lord, you have redeemed us and called us to your service: give us grace to hear your call and carry out your commandment. Amen.

Statement of Commission

Pastor: As we belong to Christ's Beloved Community, we all have a part to play in the life of the church. We give witness to God's mighty act of calling us out of darkness into Christ's marvelous light. Let us now live our lives of service, loving him who first loved us. May we exercise our differing gifts in accordance with the grace given to each of us in diligence, compassion, and cheerfulness.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, with the authority of the Mayflower Congregational Church, we extend to you the right hand of fellowship, recognizing that God has called you to serve the fellowship of this Church. May God bless you in the ministry which you now share with us all. May God, who has begun this good work in you, give you the grace to complete it and to serve God's people in joy and peace. Amen.

Mayflower Church Covenant

We are a Christian church on a journey of worship, sacrament, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbors, both within our community and beyond. As God has made covenant with us, we covenant to love, care, and support one another, and to be prayerfully present with each other as we navigate the challenges of life. We celebrate diversity with the unique perspectives, backgrounds, and gifts each individual brings to our community. We seek to provide a safe space for questions, doubts, and exploration, encouraging lifelong quests of learning, growing, and deepening our understanding of scripture and the love of God. We pursue open and honest communication with respect for personal conscience. We commit ourselves to be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures, to further the work of God's kingdom on earth. We affirm this covenant with open hearts and minds, trusting in the grace of God and the love of Christ.

COMMUNION RITUAL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of grace and mercy, we confess that we haven't loved you with our whole hearts. We fall short of what you desire for us, as individuals caught up in selfishness and fear, and as a community of faith that sometimes forgets your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Forgive us, O God. Lift us from despair to hope, from division to unity, and from apathy to love. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in your ways and find joy in your will. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Hear the good news: no matter how far we wander, we cannot outrun the reach of God's grace. In Christ, we are forgiven, embraced, and made whole. At this table, we remember that Jesus welcomed all—the one who betrayed him, the ones who fled in fear, and all who longed for hope and belonging. We come, not because we are perfect, but because we are deeply loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right that we give you thanks, O God. You shaped us in your image and breathed life into us. Even when we turned away, your love never let us go. Through prophets, teachers, and covenant, you've kept calling us home. And so, with all creation, we join the unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Minister: Friends, this is not my table, or the church's table. This is Christ's table, open to all who desire to know God's love. You need not be a member of any church. Bring only your hunger, your hope, your longing. Here, we acknowledge our sins, our failures, and our disappointments. Here, we present ourselves to God—who meets us as we are, loves us where we are, and draws us toward wholeness. So come, for all is ready.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Minister: On the night when he was handed over, Jesus gathered with his friends around a common table. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant—my very life, poured out in love for you. Whenever you drink it, remember me." And so, when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and the love that will never let us go.

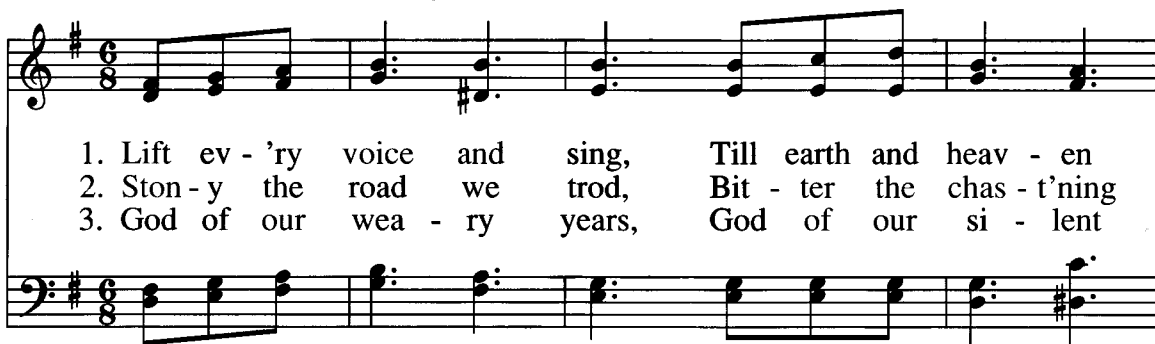
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Thank you, God, for this sacred meal where you have shared yourself with us. Here we are renewed and reminded that your love is stronger than fear, your hope is deeper than despair, and Christ lives within us always. Send us out strengthened in faith and love, ready to serve and build your Beloved Community, until all are fed, welcomed, and free. Amen.

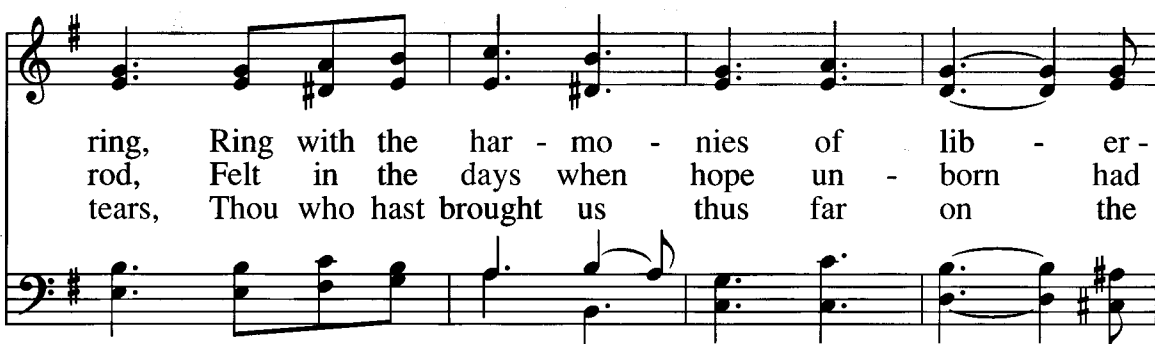
Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938


John Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954



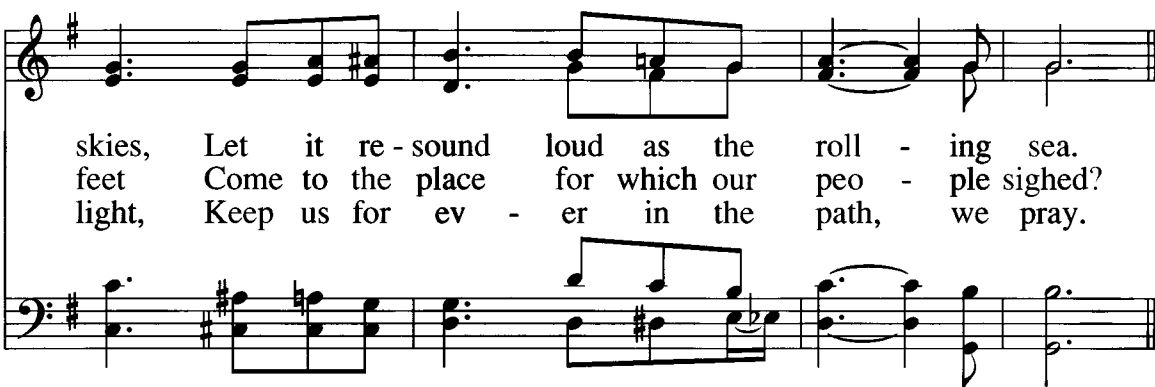
1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the



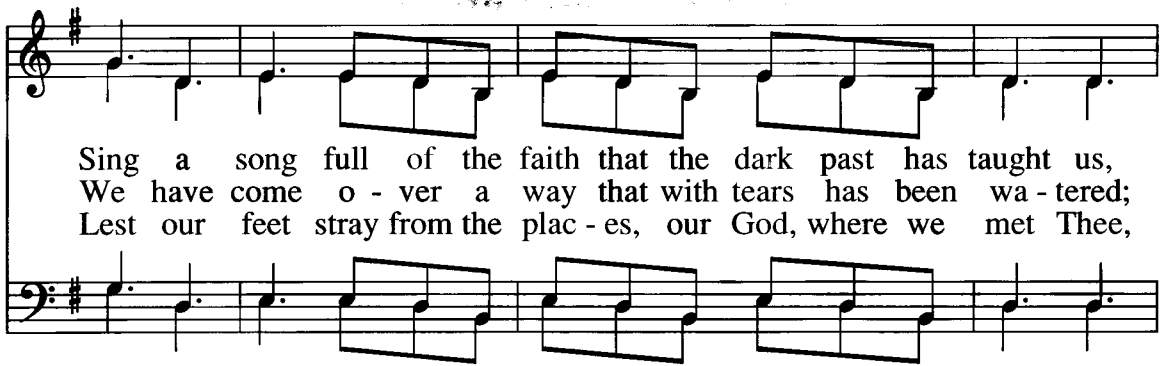
ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the



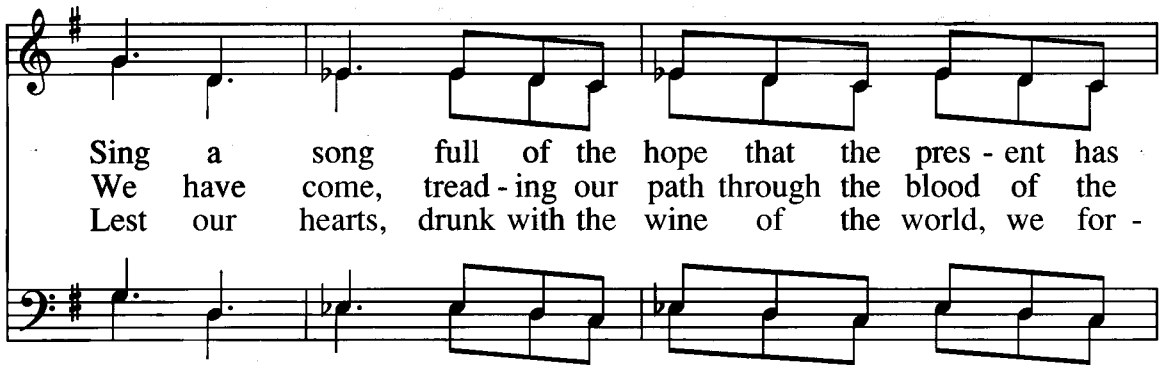
skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

LIFT EVERY VOICE
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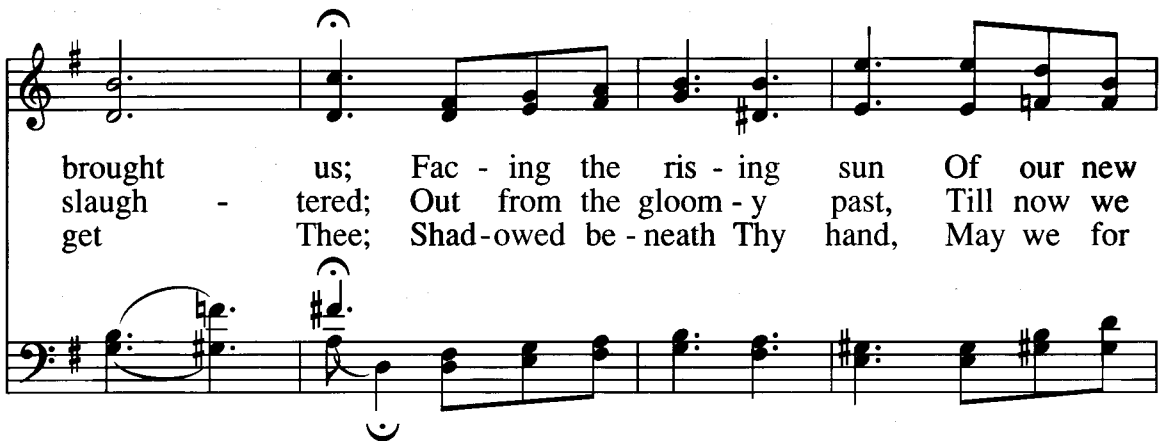
GOD'S REVELATION



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,



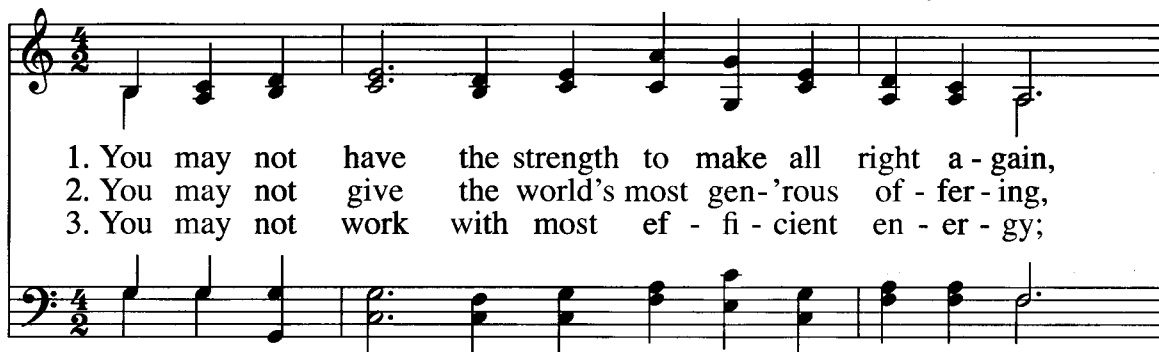
Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



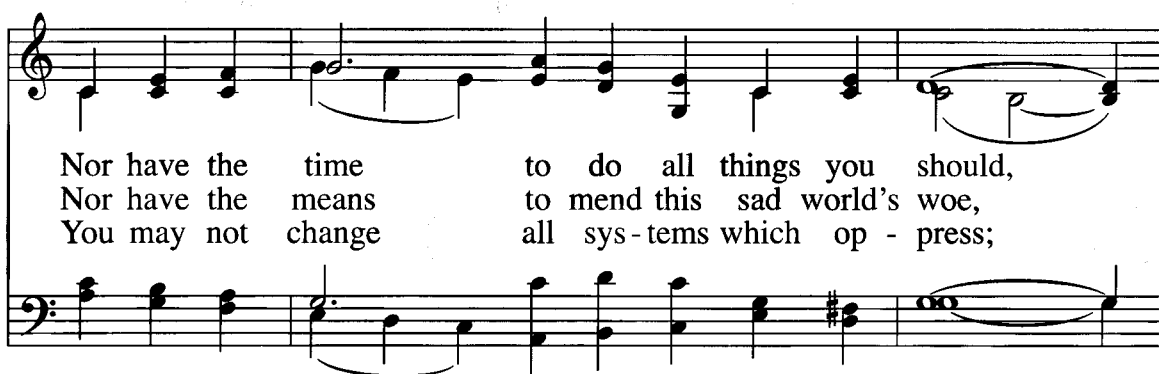
brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for



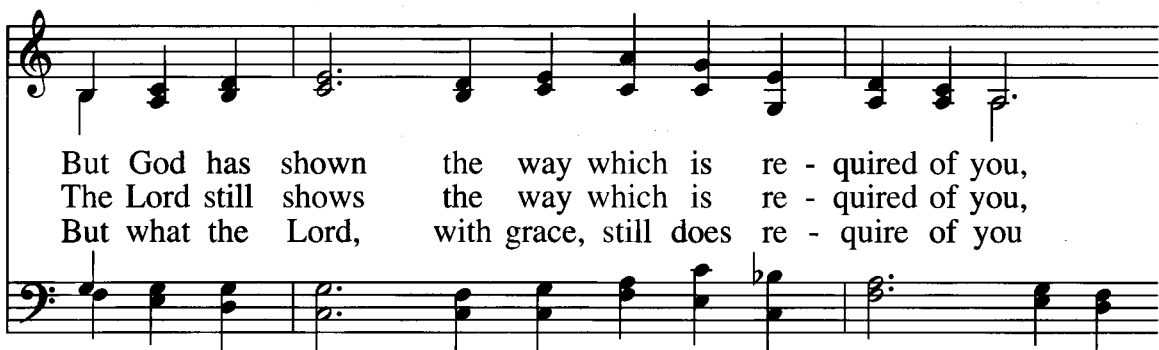
day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.



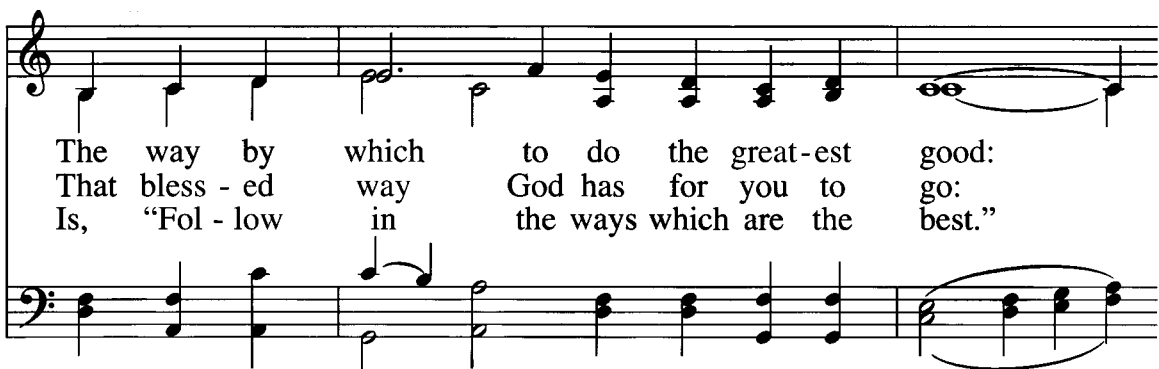
1. You may not have the strength to make all right a - gain,
2. You may not give the world's most gen-'rous of - fer - ing,
3. You may not work with most ef - fi - cient en - er - gy;



Nor have the time to do all things you should,
Nor have the means to mend this sad world's woe,
You may not change all sys-tems which op - press;



But God has shown the way which is re - quired of you,
The Lord still shows the way which is re - quired of you,
But what the Lord, with grace, still does re - quire of you



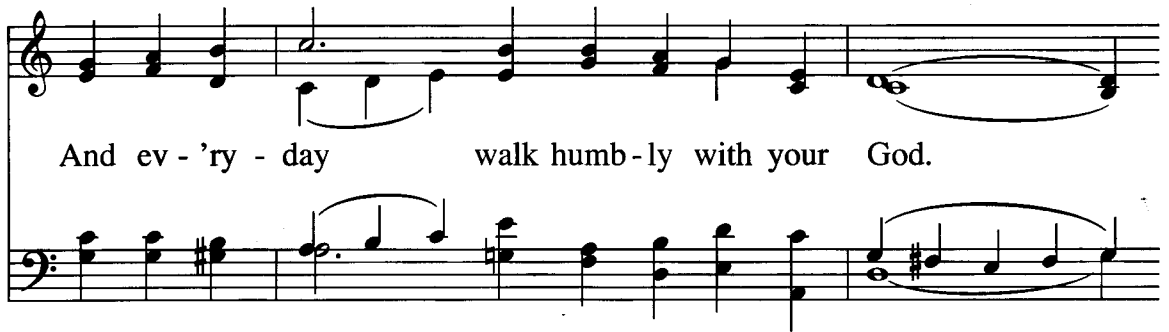
The way by which to do the great-est good:
That bless - ed way God has for you to go:
Is, "Fol - low in the ways which are the best."

GOD'S REVELATION



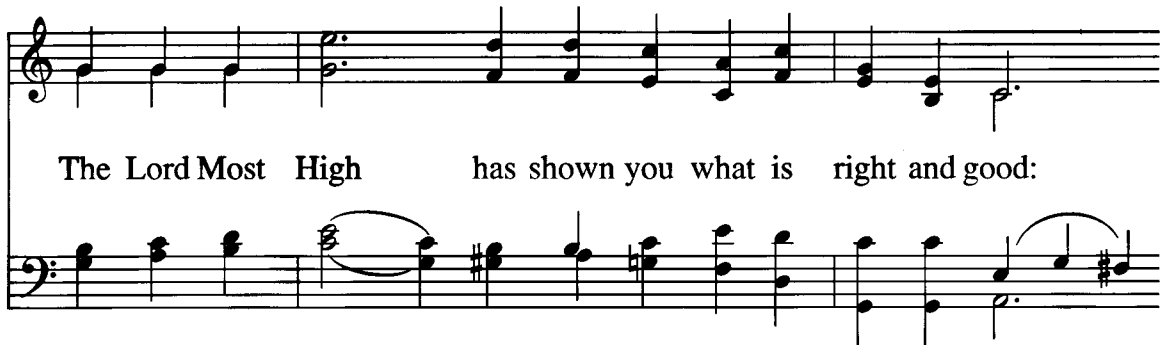
First system of musical notation. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and a dotted half note. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

You must act just - ly, and you must love mer - cy,



Second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a long note at the end. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

And ev - 'ry - day walk humb - ly with your God.



Third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

The Lord Most High has shown you what is right and good:



Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a long note at the end. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Be just, be kind and humb - ly walk with God.