

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, January 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "How Firm a Foundation" (Joseph Funk, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

**Opening Sentences** - Pastor Margery

**Hymn 145:** "O Christ, Our Light" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Pastor Margery

**Anthem:** "In Gratitude We Come" (J. Paul Williams and David Lantz III) - 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:** Psalm 27:1, 4-9 - Rachel

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**Sermon: "A REASONABLE REQUEST"** - Pastor Mark

**Hymn 436:** "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" - DeeAnn et al.

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 409 (v. 1 and 2):** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" - DeeAnn et al.

Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty, waits for him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace! Gracious God, I come before Thee, come Thou also unto me; where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart O enter Thou, let it be Thy temple now.

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Rev. Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Rev. Margery Briggs, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir



1. Christ, our light and our sal - va - tion, Whom shall we  
 2. Dai - ly we will seek Your bless - ing Ex - spect - ant -  
 3. Keep us calm with - in Your pres - ence, O Christ, our  
 4. Teach us, Lord, the road to fol - low, Grant what we



fear? Close be - side to guard and guide us, Lord  
 ly, Then re - ly up - on Your good - ness Con -  
 Light. Hide us in Your spe - cial fort - ress, Safe  
 pray. Lead us up the straight and nar - row, To



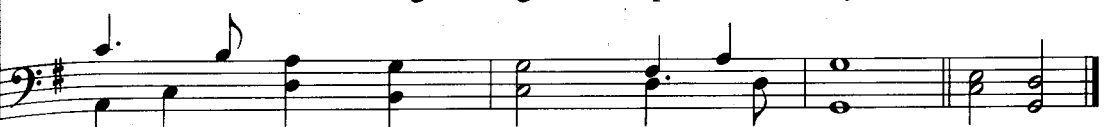
al - ways near. Noth - ing now need make us an - xious;  
 fi - dent - ly. En - e - mies may try to in - jure,  
 in Your sight. Draw us high up on Your moun - tain,  
 bright - er day. Shine Your face on all who love You,



You will shine in all our dark - ness. Fie - ry Pil - lar,  
 Tri - als grow or pres - sures ling - er, None will tri - umph  
 Guard our steps, so prone to fall - ing, By the beau - ty  
 Smile on us that we may shine, too. Guide us safe - ly,



Star of bril - liance, Glow bright - ly here.  
 since You or - der Sov - er - eign - ly.  
 of Your dawn - ing, Lead us a - right.  
 all our lives through, Light up our way. A - men.



# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

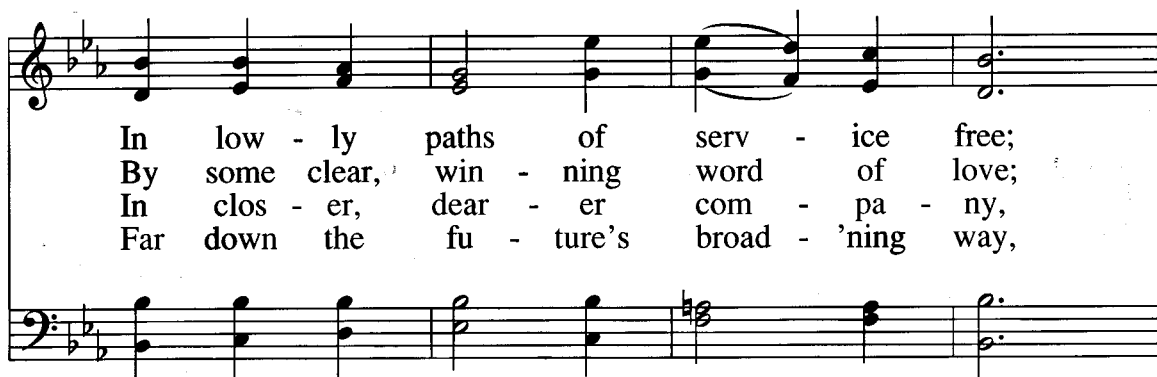
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Washington Gladden, 1836-1918

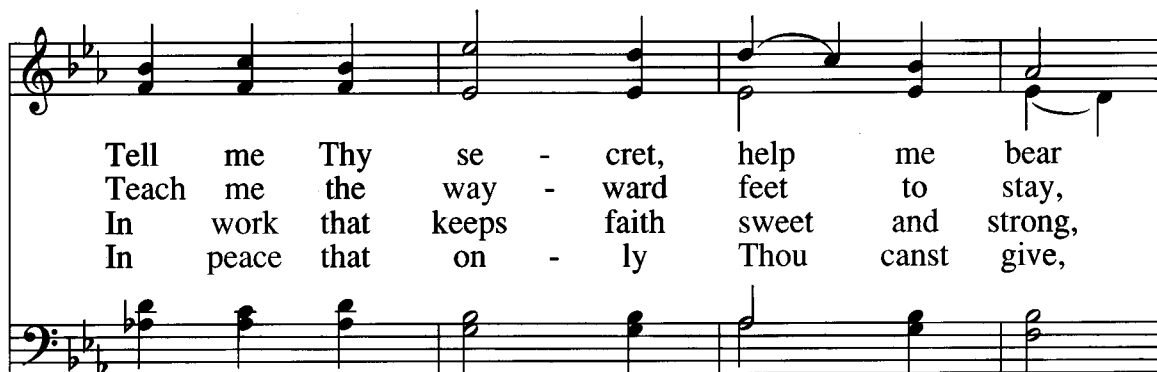
H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray



In low - ly paths of serv - ice free;  
 By some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 Far down the fu - ture's broad - 'ning way,



Tell me Thy se - cret, help me bear  
 Teach me the way - ward feet to stay,  
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
 In peace that on - ly Thou canst give,



The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 And guide them in the home - ward way.  
 In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

# Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737

Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

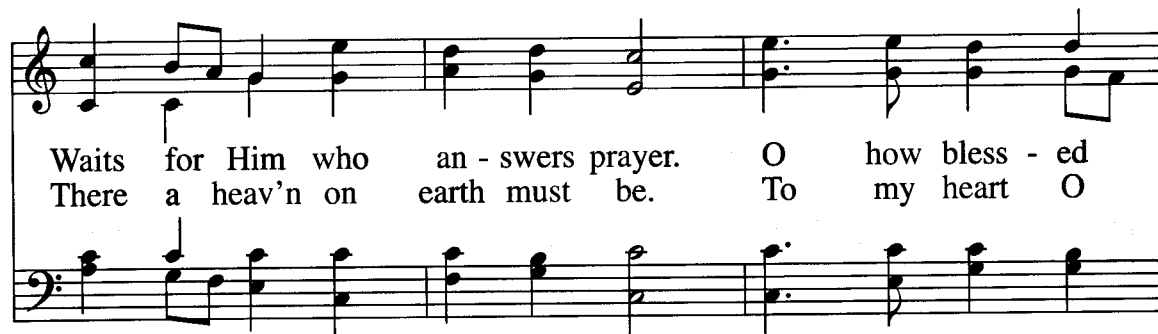
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878



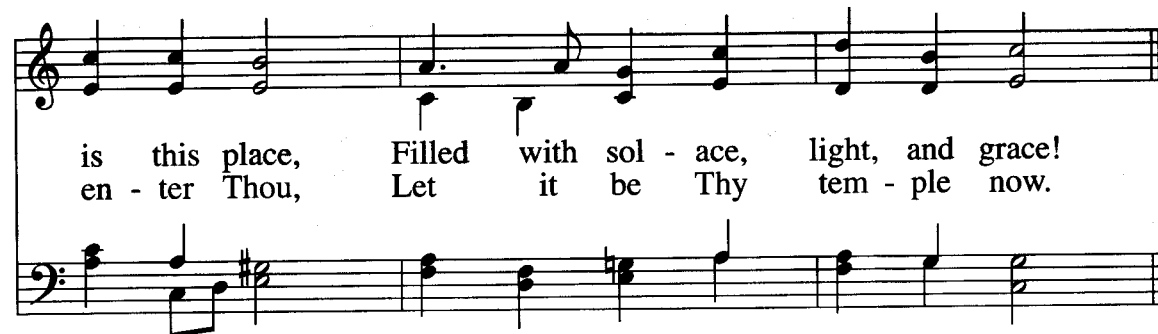
1. O - pen now Thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me  
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty,  
un - to me; Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. O how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart O



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now.

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