

Let It Breathe on Me

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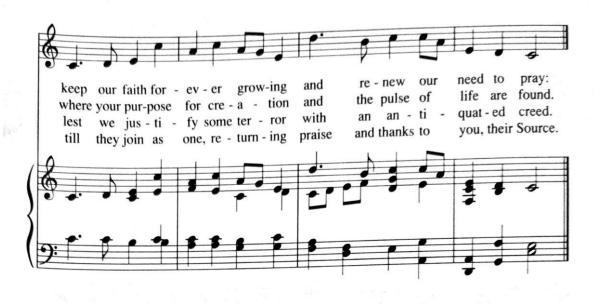
Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941; alt.

Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:1-14; John 20:19-23



Songwriter Magnolia Lewis-Butts helped form the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses in 1932, which was the model for all subsequent gospel music conventions.

Tune: LET IT BREATHE Irr. Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941

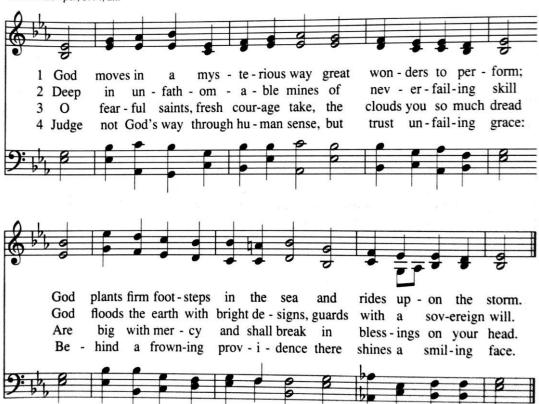


God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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William Cowper, 1774; alt.

Ps. 77:19; Rom. 11:33-36



5 God's pur-pos-es will rip-en fast, un-fold-ing ev-ery hour; The bud may have a bit-ter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

This hymn by the English poet William Cowper seems to have been written a few months after his suicide attempt. It was first published in John Newton's Twenty-six Letters on Religious Subjects. 6 Our un-be-lief is sure to err and scan God's work in vain; God is God's own in-ter-pret-er, whose truth shall be made plain.

> Tune: DUNDEE C.M. The 150 Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615

STEWARDSHIP AND CREATION O How Glorious, Full of Wonder 558 Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt. Ps. 8 how glo-rious, full of won-der is your name o'er the earth, 2 When we see your lights of heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played, You have set us in com-mu-nion with the won-ders your hand, how won-drous, O how glo-rious is your name in ery land, God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen-dor, bring - ing suns and stars to birth! Who are we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has made? Made us with ea - gle pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver sea and land. God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the goal that you have planned! Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore you, mar - veling at your mys-tic ways. Born of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill, Soar - ing spire and ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures show. Yours the will our hearts are seek-ing, con - scious of hu - man need. Hum-bly now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing up our hearts in praise. From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still. Teach us more of hu - man pit - y, that we your im - age grow. in our Spir - it spir-it speak-ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed.

United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.

Traditional Dutch melody

Arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

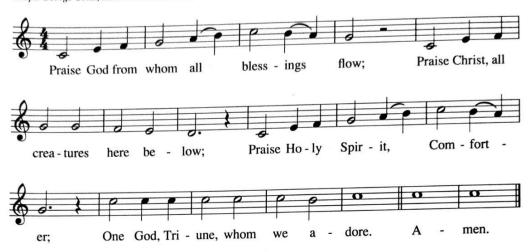
Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY



Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

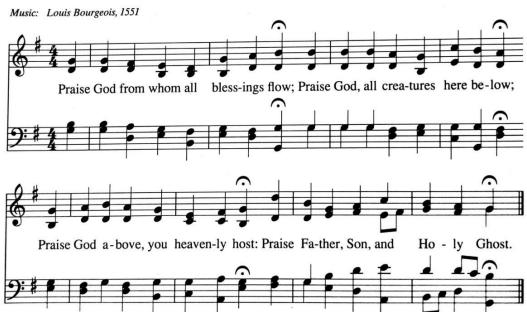
Music: John Hatton (d. 1793);

adapt. George Coles; harm. Roberta Martin, 1968



Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

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Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. Book of Worship, United Church of Christ 781

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.