

# **Rochester Mennonite Church**

(Church by Zoom)

November 22, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Opening Words

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51:1-19

Gathering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Music

*The love of God*  
(STJ #44)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:15-23

Thoughts and Reflections

*Character and Confession*

Music

*I saw a tree by the riverside*  
(STS #116)

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Music

*Just a closer walk with thee*  
(STJ #106)

Offering

(The special offering this month goes for the General Fund.)

Benediction

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## The love of God

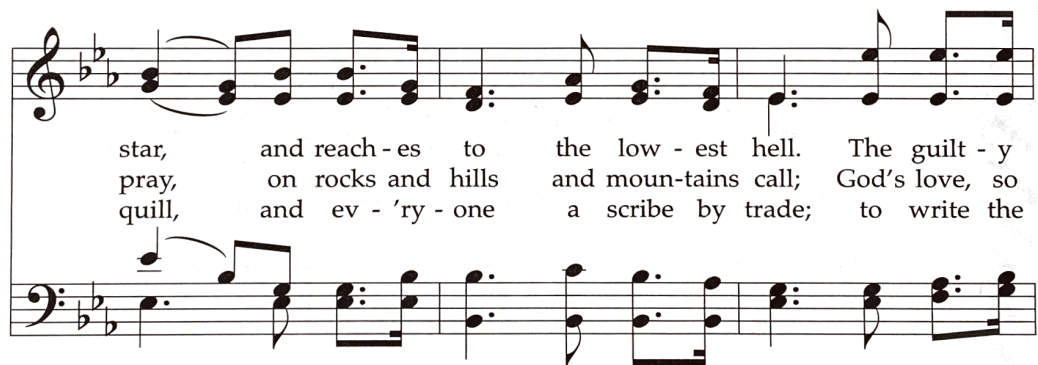
LOVE OF GOD 88. 88. 86. 86 with refrain



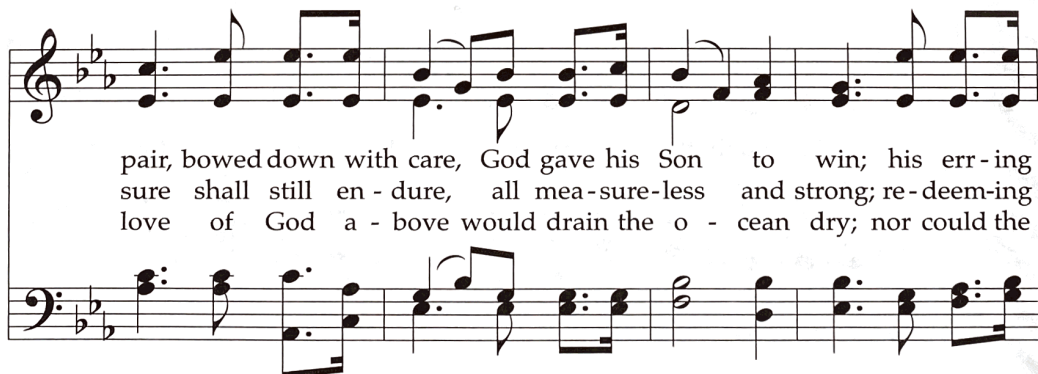
1 The love of God is great - er far than tongue or  
 2 When an - cient time shall pass a - way, and hu - man  
 3 Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the



pen can ev - er tell; it goes be - yond the high - est  
 thrones and king - doms fall; when all on earth re - fuse to  
 skies of parch - ment made; were ev - 'ry stalk on earth a



star, and reach - es to the low - est hell. The guilt - y  
 pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains call; God's love, so  
 quill, and ev - 'ry - one a scribe by trade; to write the

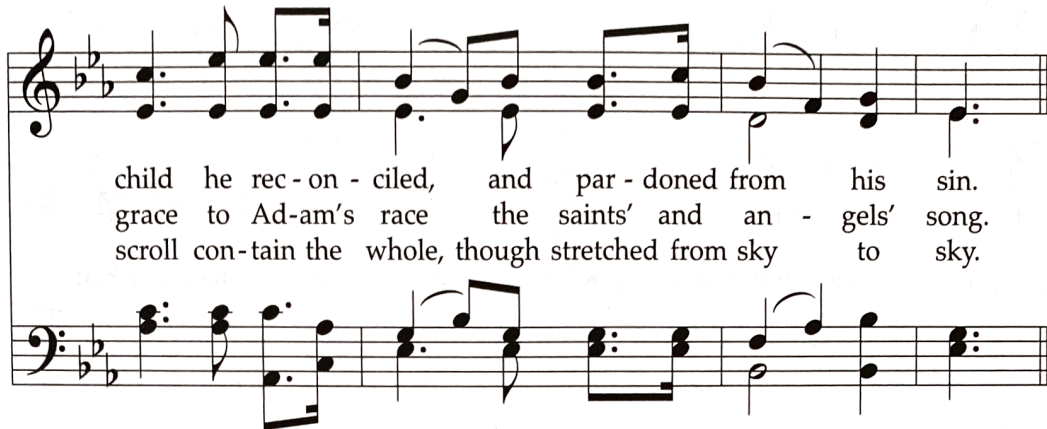


pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win; his err - ing  
 sure shall still en - dure, all mea - sure - less and strong; re - deem - ing  
 love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean dry; nor could the

Text: F. M. Lehman, c. 1917, alt.

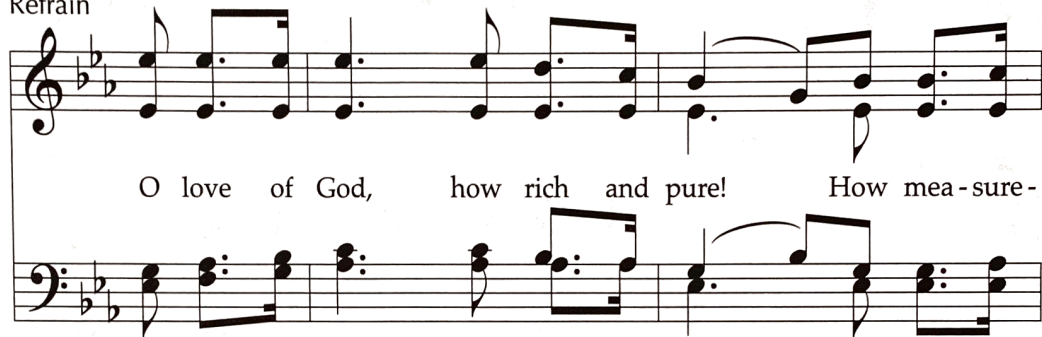
Music: F. M. Lehman c. 1917; arranged by Claudia Lehman Mays

AFFIRMING FAITH



child he rec-on-ciled, and par-doned from his sin.  
 grace to Ad-am's race the saints' and an-gels' song.  
 scroll con-tain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

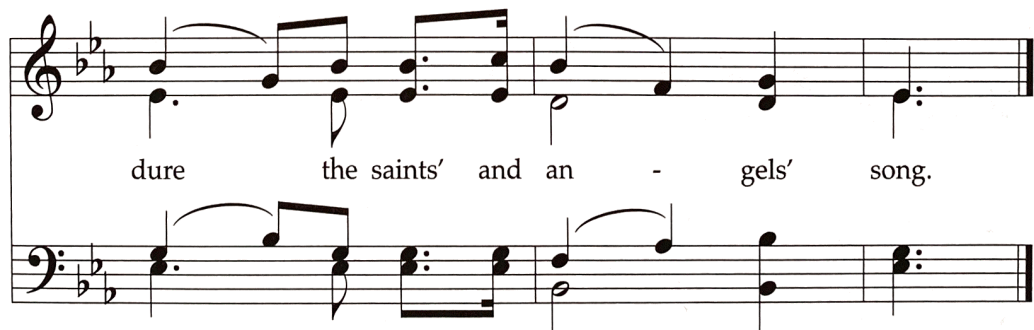
Refrain



O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea-sure-



less and strong! It shall for-ev-er-more en-



dure the saints' and an-gels' song.

Watch for God Among Us

# 116 I saw a tree by the riverside

TREE SONG\* Irregular with refrain



1 I saw a tree by the  
2 I saw a tree in the  
3 I saw a tree in the



riv - er - side one day as I walked a - long,  
win - ter - time when snow lay on the ground,  
cit - y streets where build - ings blocked the sun;



straight as an ar - row and point-ing to the sky,  
straight as an ar - row and point-ing to the sky; 7 and  
green and love - ly, I could see it gave



grow - ing tall and strong.  
win - ter winds blew all a - round.  
joy to ev - 'ry - one. "How do you grow so—  
"How do you stay so—  
"How do you grow in the



tall and strong?" I said to the riv - er - side  
tall and strong?" I said to the win - ter - time  
cit - y streets?" I said to the down - town



tree. This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

\*Original title

Text: Ken Medema  
Music: Ken Medema

Watch for God Among Us

Refrain

D D/F# G A D D/F#

I've got roots grow-ing down to the wa - ter, I've got

G A D D/F# G A

leaves grow-ing up to the sun-shine, and the fruit that I bear is a

Bm Em A D D/F#

sign of the life in me. I am

G A D D/F# G A

shade from the hot sum-mer sun-down, I am nest for the birds of the

D D/F# G A Bm Em Bm Em

heav-en. I'm be - com-ing what the Lord of trees has meant me to

A G/A A

1, 2 D G/D

be— a strong young tree.

A/D G/D

3 D G/D A/D G/D D G/D

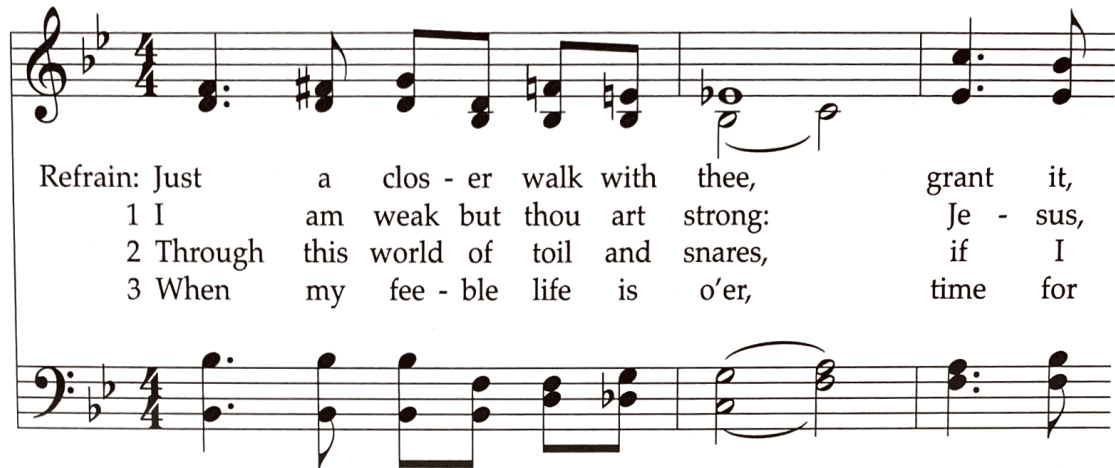
tree, a strong young tree,

A/D G/D D G/D A/D G/D D

a strong young tree.

# 106 Just a closer walk with thee

CLOSER WALK Irregular



Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea; dai - ly walk-ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.