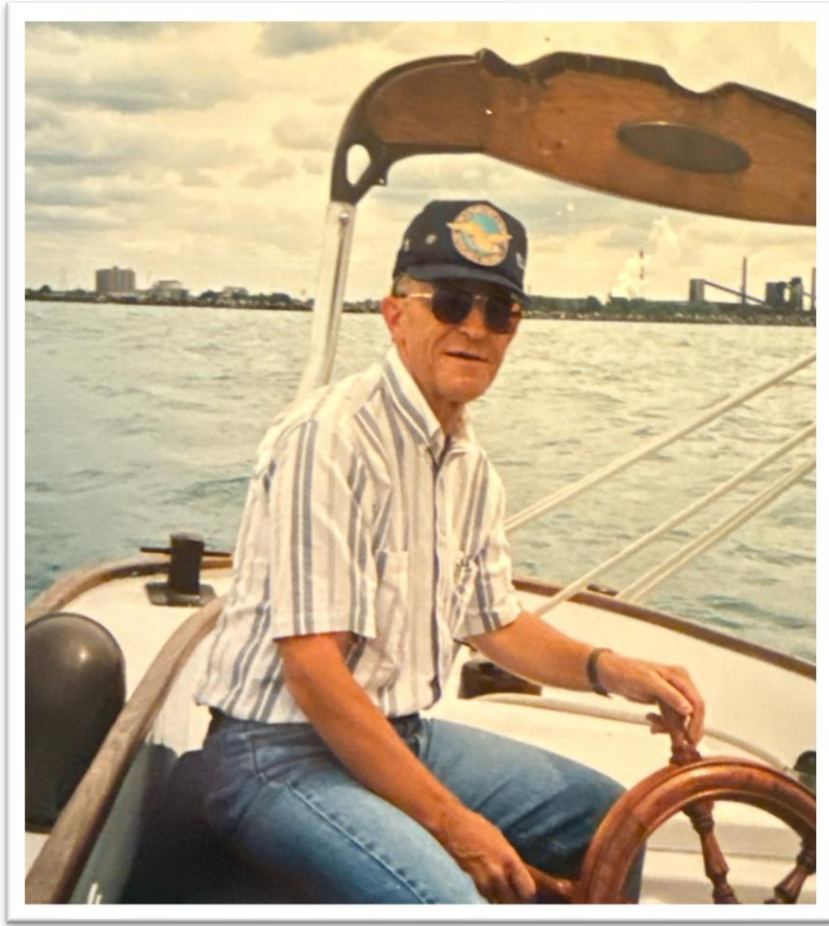


A Celebration of Life



In loving memory of
Robert Alan Dowd

April 6, 1937 – March 15, 2026

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In Loving Memory of Robert Alan Dowd
Saturday, June 20, 2026, 11:00 AM
Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Prelude	Music of J.S. Bach	Sophia Klin and Lee Wright
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Opening Words	The Rev. Kristina Hansen
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Prayer

*Hymn	Come Down, O Love Divine	DOWN AMPNEY
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Scripture Readings	Psalm 23 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 John 14 (excerpts)
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Family Remembrances	Gordon Dowd, son Andrew Dowd, son
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Music for Reflection	Preludio, from Partita in E Major Sophia Klin, violin	J.S. Bach
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Remembrances from the Gathered Community

Meditation	Rev. Hansen
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Pastoral Prayers

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Spirit, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
(Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

ENGELBERG

Committal Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata, from Symphonie V

C.M. Widor

United States Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 4-2 Recognition

Bagpipe Recessional

Jim VanBrederod

Going Home – Amazing Grace

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Bob's family wishes to express their deep appreciation to each of you for your  
presence today. Thank you also to the Deacons of Downtown United  
Presbyterian Church for all their kindness.

Following our service, everyone is invited to greet the family  
at a reception in the Hallock Lounge.  
Ushers will be happy to direct you.

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# 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

# 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



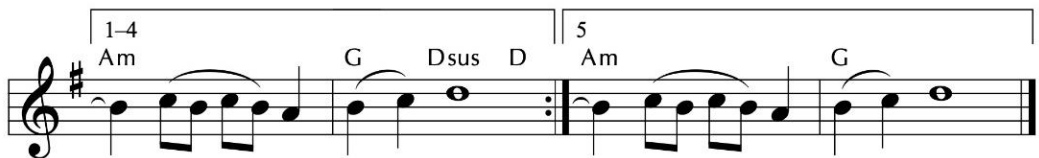
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

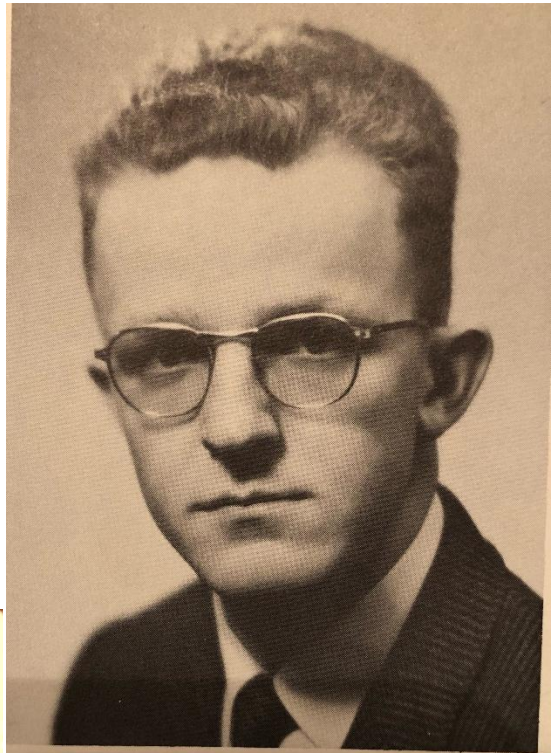
Al - le - lu - ia!

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

## ROBERT ALAN DOWD

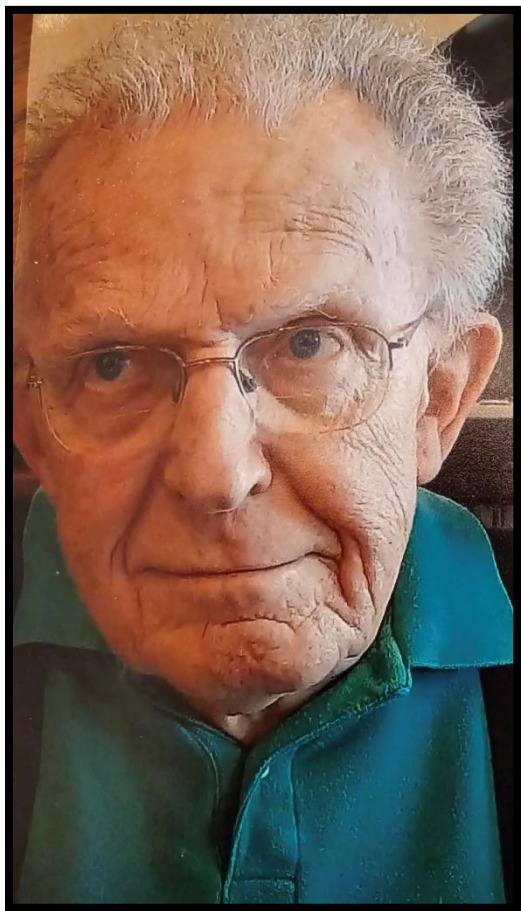
Robert was born on April 6, 1937 in Buffalo, New York. His father was Edmond James Dowd and his mother was Alice Jean Dowd (maiden name Freeborn). He was an only child and started playing the violin at a very early age. His father was a pianist, singer (baritone), and taught music in the Buffalo New York public schools. Robert's mother was a secretary for the American Red Cross in Buffalo. An avid sailor since he was a teenager, Robert joined the US Coast Guard after high school and went to boot camp in Cape May New Jersey. After that he was accepted at the Eastman School of Music where in 1959 he earned a B.M. in Public School Music - his instrument was violin. After doing graduate work at the University of Buffalo, he started his first teaching job in Kenmore New York. Following that, he taught in Rush-Henrietta, the Rochester NY Public Schools, and finally in the Gates-Chili district from 1967 until his retirement in 1992. Robert met Alice, his beloved wife of 56 years during the summer of 1964 in Rochester and the two were married on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1964 in Phelps New York. Their son Andrew came along in 1967, followed by Gordon in 1972, and a grandson, Alan, in 2001.

Robert did not rest on his laurels upon retiring. He immediately took a part time job in the tool and hardware department at Sears. He spent his long retirement building very intricate ship models, volunteering with the US Coast Guard Reserve Flotilla 4-2, sailing on Lake Ontario, and playing bagpipes for hire.



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### **Celebrants**

The Rev. Kristina Hansen, Senior Pastor

Sophia Klin, violin

Lee S. Wright, Director of Music Ministry

