

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

God's Mysterious Ways

TUNE: When Johnny Comes Marching Home

John 14:20-23; Romans 8:28; 12:1; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 6:1

♩ = 54

Fm Fm C⁷_{sus} C⁷ Fm A^b A^b/_{E^b}

1. Our Al-might - y God will do His work Through us, through
2. For all who o - bey, our Fa - ther works His will, His
3. O Fa - ther of love, we give our - selves To You, to

A^b/_C A^b Fm C⁷_{sus} C⁷ Fm D^b/_{E^b} E^b7

us. Our Fa - ther de - lights to bless the world Through
will. Through joy and through pain He kind - ly weaves His
You. Com - plete - ly, O God, we live our lives To

A^b A^b/_C C_E C C⁺ Fm Fm_D Gm⁷/_D Fm_D

us, through us. Through all who hear and o -
will, His will. The sweet sur - prise and the
You, to You. So give the joy that You

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MARCHING HOME
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$\frac{C7}{E}$ $C7$ C Fm $D\flat$ $\frac{G\circ}{B\flat}$ $C7$ $C+$ $\frac{E\circ}{B\flat}$

bey His call, The child, the lead - er, the great and small, He will
 long de - lay, The weird, the wild, and the ev - 'ry - day, God will
 long to share, Our deep - est hun - ger, our high - est prayer, That for -

$\frac{Fm}{A\flat}$ $B\flat m$ $\frac{Fm}{C}$ $C7$ Fm $B\flat m6$ $\frac{E\flat7}{B\flat}$ Fm

help and heal, Ex - press - ing His love through us.
 use them all To lov - ing - ly work His will.
 ev - er - more We draw ev - 'ry breath in You.

TOPICS: Assurance & Comfort; Consecration; God's Love; God's
 Transcendence; Guidance; Serving in Christ's Name

LEAD-IN: *What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow...For we are God's fellow workers.* (1 Corinthians 3:5-9, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

God Works through Us

From Him and through Him and to Him are all things. (Romans 11:36, NASB)

Almighty God, unlimited in power,
delights to work through His creatures—
 through angels (the word simply means “messengers”),
 through human beings of all backgrounds and personalities,
 through families, groups, races, and nations.

He works through
 children and the aged,
 warriors and sages,
 rich and poor,
 the weak and the powerful,
 through those highly respected and
 through the despised and ignored.

He uses both
 joy and pain,
 vast epochs and fleeting seconds,
 wisdom and inexperience,
 sickness and health,
 the obvious and the mysterious,
 the ordinary and the spectacular.

(Many such distinctions flow more from
 human ignorance than from
 eternal reality.)

Why would such a God,
 infinite in resources and
 without weakness or need,
choose to work through flawed and troublesome creatures like us?

Because He made us,
 He knows us, and
 He loves us.

As He shares His work with us,
 we share more fully in Him.

We experience
 His power,
 His love, and
 the privilege of being vessels of His
 ever-flowing,
 ever-giving life.

He is like a grandmother who asks her two-year old grandchild to
help her make cookies.
She doesn't do it because she needs help with the cookies,
but to bring herself together with this growing person
in a common joy.
They're still grandma's cookies,
but the two have shared
a precious experience,
a common purpose, and
a bond that will outlast the lingering sweetness.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are!
(1 John 3:1, NIV)*

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