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NEW SOLO TITLES!

ADDED to Watchfire Music's Sacred Song Catalogue

- [Angel and Star - Lea Schmidt-Rogers](#)
[Beloved, Let Us Love One Another - Robert Powell](#)
[Blessed Is She Who Believed - Ann Stephan](#)
[Blest Christmas Morn - Peter B. Allen](#)
[Christ My Refuge - Jennifer Nubel](#)
[Christ My Refuge - William Elliott](#)
[Feed My Sheep - William Elliott](#)
[For as the Rain Cometh Down - Robert Powell](#)
[He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place \(Ps. 91\) - Robert Powell](#)
[I Am Calling You - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[I The Lord, Will Hold Thy Right Hand - Robert Powell](#)
[I Will Press On - Ann Stephan](#)
[Leave It There - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Love - Robert Powell](#)
[Mother's Evening Prayer - William Elliott](#)
[Out of Reach - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Prayer Is Your Friend - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Psalms 139 - Mel Atkey](#)
[Satisfied/2005 - Katrina Wylie](#)
[Simply Satisfied - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Softly - Katrina Wylie](#)
[Substance - Carolyn Kardinal](#)
[The Beatitudes - Robert Powell](#)
[The Evidence Of Things Unseen - Peter Link](#)
[The Kingdom of God - Katrina Wylie](#)
[The Lord Bless Thee - Robert Powell](#)
[The Lord is my Shepherd - Robert Powell](#)
[The Meaning of Aloha - Mel Atkey](#)
[There Is Love - Carolyn Kardinal](#)
[What Wondrous Love is This? - Robert Powell](#)
[Where We Are Loved - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Woke Up This Morning - Katrina Wylie](#)
[You Are The Light Of The World - Ann Stephan](#)

NEW Organ/Keyboard TITLES!
ADDED to Watchfire Music's Sacred Song Catalogue:

Nicholas Schliapin

[Africa - Now shall my inward joys arise](#)
[Cusseta - Show mercy, Lord, O Lord forgive](#)
[Devotion - Sweet is the day of sacred rest](#)
[Distress - The King of glory sends his son](#)
[Edom - With songs and honors sounding loud](#)
[Expression - Oh, Jesus, my Savior](#)
[Florence - Not many years their rounds shall roll](#)
[Hallelujah - And we'll all sing hallelujah](#)
[Hebron - Thus far the Lord hath led me on](#)
[Invocation \(First\) - Rise, my soul](#)
[King of Peace - Lord, I cannot let Thee go](#)
[Lenox - Blow ye the trumpet, blow](#)
[Pleyel's Hymn \(First\) - While Thee I seek, protecting Pow'r](#)
[Primrose - Salvation, O the joyful sound](#)
[Return Again - Saviour, visit Thy plantation](#)
[Russia - My spirit looks to God alone](#)
[Saints Bound for Heaven - Our bondage, it shall end](#)
[The Christian Warfare - I find myself placed in a state of probation](#)
[The Marriage in the Skies - O ring the bells of heaven high](#)

Lea Schmidt-Rogers

[Andalusia](#)
[August](#)
[Easter Joy](#)
[Orff Fun](#)
[Sacred Ground](#)
[Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child](#)
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**Avoid unnecessary scrolling through endless pages!
Use The Navigational Feature on your Adobe Reader:
Bookmark Hyperlink Navigation**

Leap quickly from week to week and from section to section
by using the **Bookmark View** on your Adobe Reader.
This will save you from scrolling back and forth!

Just follow these simple instructions:

1. Open this pdf in Adobe Reader, and go to the top nav bar where you see "Adobe Reader" listed at the top far left of your screen. Look to the right of that.
2. Click "View" and choose "Navigation Panels" in the drop-down list.
3. Click "Bookmarks".
4. This will open a column of Bookmarks to the left of your pdf.
5. In the Bookmarks pane, you will be able to click easily to each section of Solo Thoughts.

**In summary, just remember this sequence:
View/Navigation Panels/Bookmarks**

Welcome to Solo Thoughts!

Here's what's in store for you when you use this resource:

- Simple format
- Efficient process to search for solos for your church service
- Direct links to multiple online music sites for ease of purchase
- Instant digital downloads & shippable hard copy music at your fingertips
- Comprehensive research tool matching solos with bible lesson sermons

Here's what you can expect with each week listed in Solo Thoughts:

- Concise lists of solos, ranging on average, between 12 and 25 songs per week.
- Solos are categorized for ease of use:

Solo Categories:

1. Solos: Overall Theme
2. Solos by Bible Lesson Section
3. Solos by Hymn Words
4. Solo Settings of Mary Baker Eddy's Poems and Texts

Learn how to navigate easily and efficiently from week to week:

Use the **Bookmarks Tool** in Adobe Acrobat to move easily from week to week and from solo category to solo category. Just follow the directions on the Table of Contents page to open your Bookmark Pane.

Ex:



Click directly to the purchase point for each solo listed:

Each song title has a specific link to take you to the "buy" page for additional information and online purchase. Just click, explore and buy.

Ex: Apple of My Eye – Music and Lyrics by Deborah Ann Offenhauser

Explore and Purchase this Song at the following Site(s):

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=533>

Additional tools to help you find the perfect solo:

Many song titles offer multiple links to buy instant digital sheet music, shippable hard copies, and song book collections. You can also listen to or purchase a related CD.

Example:

Peter and John (2005)

Music by Mindy Jostyn

Lyrics by Mindy Jostyn and Jacob Brackman based on Acts 3:1-3

Instant Digital Sheet Music:

<http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=904>

CD: <http://watchfiremusic.com/album.php?dcid=7>

**Enjoy your inspired search of solos with
Solo Thoughts!**

Solo Thoughts News and Notes

2nd Quarter 2017 Q&A

Update: Listening to Audio Samples on your Computer and/or Your Mobile Device

Q: Why can't I hear the audio samples on my computer or mobile device?

A: The reason you cannot hear samples could stem from one or more of several reasons: If you are trying to listen from a mobile device, unfortunately, our site is not yet fully mobile compatible. We are working on it! So for the time being, please make sure you are at a laptop or desktop computer when listening.

Also, please check your volume levels on your computer and/or the speakers attached to your computer.

If these do not seem to be the problem, it's possible that your computer has been updated to a new operating system. You may need to update your internet browser, as a result. If you update your browser, you may also notice a small message on your browser screen saying that your Flash is out of date. Just reinstall Flash and your audio samples should work for you.

In summary, check your volume, make sure it is not on mute; update your browser and possibly update Flash.

Solo Thoughts Song Titles

Q: Why do we sometimes see song titles posted more than once in a quarter, and conversely, why are certain titles left out that would clearly go with the Bible Lesson?

A: This is a great question. The answer is that the Solo Thoughts editors work to bring you a creative and informed set of titles each quarter. Sometimes, the editors will repeat a title used from the last quarter, or again in the same issue, because that title seems to highlight more than one Bible Lesson in an important way.

Conversely, in order to highlight new music and new composers whenever possible, the editors may sacrifice listing titles that were recently used in a previous or current quarter of Solo Thoughts. On the whole, WFM and the Solo Thoughts editors feel that it is very important to bring new musical ideas for Bible Lessons and to introduce new titles wherever appropriate and possible.

Tip: Hang on to your Solo Thoughts from previous quarters in a given year and perhaps make notes on solos that you think would work well for future Bible Lessons.

Listing Choral Music Titles in Solo Thoughts

Q: Why does Solo Thoughts often include choral music titles when Solo Thoughts is geared to the solo singer in church services?

A: We've found through experience that choral music titles can broaden and refresh a church soloist's repertoire. The many choral titles that we list are very well suited to being performed by a soloist.

In most cases, the soloist usually needs to do some extra work to map out the melody, though it may move between staves at different points in the choral score. Through some planning with the accompanist, these choral songs-turned-solos can bring new life and music into the church service. To cite a couple of examples, Joseph Martin's "Song of Unity" and his "Song of the Spirit" work beautifully as solo songs for the church service.

Update on posting Solo Thoughts

Q: How far in advance does Watchfire Music post each new issue of Solo Thoughts?

A: Historically, we have posted each new quarterly issue of Solo Thoughts exactly 6 weeks in advance of the new quarter. About a year and a half ago, we extended the post deadline to fall somewhere in the 5 to 6 week range in advance of the new quarter.

Due to what appears to be a later schedule of the release of the quarterly Bible Lesson Citations from the CSPA, we are now further shifting our posting deadline to fall within the range of 4 to 6 weeks in advance of the new quarter. We appreciate your patience, loyalty, and interest in this useful and helpful resource for musicians in Christian Science churches.

More Questions

Q: How do I find Solo Thoughts on the new watchfiremusic.com website?

A: Good news! It can be found on the top Nav Bar!

Just look for the "Resource" drop-down menu on the top Nav Bar of watchfiremusic.com. Click "Resources" and then click on "Solo Thoughts CS."

Q: I ordered sheet music from Watchfire Music but lost the download link. How can I get my music?

A: Whenever you order sheet music from WFM, you receive an automated Order Confirmation Email directly from our website. In that email is a Download Link.

Just scroll down in your email to the **Download Information** area and click on the link provided. Once you click on it, your browser will open up your Purchase page where you can download the digital sheet music that you ordered, along with any other digital files you may have purchased such as mp3s.

Q: What is a [Solo Treasure] and where do I get the music?

A: A [Solo Treasure] is an out-of-print song that is no longer available for purchase.

As a courtesy to you, we include out-of-print titles that you may already have in your church music library, and we match them to upcoming Bible Lessons. When you see the label **[Solo Treasure]** listed after a title, this indicates that the song is no longer in print circulation. Therefore, **no link is provided** to purchase the song.

News: Items of Interest

NEW Website Coming!

Yes! Watchfire Music will be rolling out a new ecommerce site for all of our sheet music and recorded products! By doing this we'll be offering an optimized, up to date purchasing and download experience for you on your desktop computer, laptop and all of your mobile devices. We'll keep you posted, but we are excited to let you know that it's coming!

Remember: You may share Solo Thoughts with your musicians, music committee members and other interested members of your church (and your church only). So, feel free to share the Solo Thoughts PDF via print-out or email within the circle of your church community.

ISOTW: Inspirational Song of the Week

Get your Inspirational Song of the Week! This is a weekly series from Watchfire Music. It highlights song recordings from the WFM catalogue and is available to listen to throughout the week. Just click here any time to listen: <http://watchfiremusic.com/inspirationsongoftheweek/>

To receive your Inspirational Song of the Week, delivered each week via email, please click on this link to sign up: <http://watchfiremusic.fanbridge.com/>

Solo Thoughts Community on Facebook!

Watchfire Music has created a Facebook Group for Solo Thoughts subscribers and anyone interested in music in church. The group is going full steam with lots of new members.

We look forward to seeing YOU on Facebook and becoming a part of the Solo Thoughts Community. There, you will be able to post, comment, ask questions, and share your stories of progress and success in your work with music in your churches.

Please visit the Solo Thoughts Community on Facebook and join!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211924449003826/>

General Information

Watchfire Music - <http://www.watchfiremusic.com> - is the owner and exclusive distributor of **Solo Thoughts**. We're hard at work bringing both new composers and music to you as well as bringing more out-of-print solos back into circulation. Please visit our Composer page: <http://watchfiremusic.com/wfm/composers/>

All of Watchfire Music's sheet music catalogue is available in the form of digital sheet music downloads. You can view sample pages of every piece of music on the site and listen to sample MP3s for most titles listed. Finally, you may purchase and download MP3 song files for listening and studying. Many composers also now offer accompaniment tracks for use in performance.

Other Sheet Music Resources:

Solo Thoughts includes many other websites for researching and purchasing solos that best meet yours and your congregation's needs. We research throughout the Internet

to provide the purchase links for each solo title listed in this publication. Our list includes, but is not limited to various online sheet music distributors, the websites of individual composers, and publishers as well.

Sheet Music Information

Transpositions

Susan Lindquist is doing transpositions on order through her music service SLVivace; however, you MUST own the music and MUST state that you own the music when you place your order at slvivace@comcast.net. Also, transpositions are for your personal use only and not for further distribution or resale.

Lyrics and Music:

As we branch out beyond the old standards to search for new and interesting music, we are recommending solos that come from a variety of sources, including contemporary CS composers, but we are also including music from other denominations. Some churches are limited in the words they want to hear; others allow a broader range of lyrics.

As we bring you newer music, there are more styles of music, including gospel, contemporary Christian, spirituals, theatrical, and pop music. Not all of these styles will appeal to every congregation. We suggest you might clear the words and music with your music committees if there is a question.

In general, we will list the some of song lyrics unless they are easily referenced, such as hymn words (i.e., check the Christian Science Hymnal) or Psalm 23 (i.e., check the Bible). Due to copyright restrictions full lyrics may not always be listed. ALL LYRICS QUOTED ARE FOR STUDY PURPOSES ONLY.

In the case of using altered lyrics, please note that changing lyrics is illegal without the permission of the copyright holder, unless the lyrics are PD (public domain—published before 1923). If you must change a lyric to fit the needs of your congregation, please note that the changed lyric that you perform in church or anywhere cannot be published, recorded, broadcast, or performed in a paying public performance without the express consent from the copyright holder.

Please Note:

We continue to work to find all the URLs to get you directly to the listed music. If you find a broken link, please let us know. It's one of the ways we keep our databases up to date -- through the generous help of our subscribers. You can reach us at support@watchfiremusic.com

In Summary

As we continue to evolve Solo Thoughts and bring more interesting sacred music to your attention, we sincerely hope that you enjoy using Solo Thoughts. We hope that it serves as a springboard of inspiration and ideas as you continue on your adventure of presenting inspirational and healing music in your church services!

With warmest wishes from
The Solo Thoughts Editors
and the Watchfire Music Team

Date: April 2, 2017

Subject: Unreality

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Solos: Overall Theme

● I Am Holding You (2006)

Music by Susan Mack and Carey Loomis

Lyrics by Susan Mack

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=50>

CD: <http://watchfiremusic.com/album.php?dcid=47>

Listen to MP3: <http://vocal-works.com/sounds/Solo%20bank/080622R.mp3>

This contemporary, fairly easy solo has a pop flavor and a lovely melody with a quiet accompaniment so its good words can shine through.

Lyrics: 1. Is there a God, a mind besides Me? There's no other God, none else to see! I am the first, and I am the last. I command and creation, creation stands fast! REFRAIN: I am holding you, I am knowing you. I am minding you, and causing you. I am blessing you, and cherishing you, My own image, expression, reflection so true. 2. I am in control of all I create. My works are true, My thoughts are great. And you are embraced in such infinite care, No thought goes astray, no moment of fear. REFRAIN. 3. My power and strength are a law to each day, I'm guiding and guarding each step of the way. No accident, chance, untoward event Can ever disturb My all good intent. REFRAIN. 4. I take unto me my great power and I reign. I govern creation without stress or strain. I delight in the glory of all that I am And you are the joy I'm reflecting as man. REFRAIN.

● In His Eyes (2000)

Music by Mindy Jostyn

Lyrics by Mindy Jostyn and Jacob Brackman

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=59>

CD: <http://watchfiremusic.com/album.php?dcid=8>

Listen to MP3: <http://vocal-works.com/sounds/Solo%20bank/020908R.mp3>

This fairly easy contemporary solo has a pop sound and good words and is a favorite with congregations.

Lyrics: In His eyes you're a fire that never goes out, A light on the top of a hill. In His eyes you're a poet, a painter, a prophet, With a mission of love to fulfill. Outside there's a world so enchantingly strange, A maze of illusion and lies. But there's never a story that ever could change The glory of you In His eyes. In His eyes you're a radiant vision of beauty, A gemstone cut one of a kind. You're fine as a diamond, deep as a ruby, rare as a jade in His mind. No need to believe all you may have been told, No need to live in disguise. You're brighter than silver, purer than gold, A pearl beyond price in His eyes. You're an innocent child in the sight of his face, No cause for blame or fear or disgrace, He sees only goodness, His vision is true, And nothing can change the perfection of you In His eyes. In His eyes you're a fire that never goes out, A light on the top of a hill. You're a rose in the forest, a prelude from Bach, a triumph of heavenly skill. Outside there's a world that keeps breaking your heart, And tearing your dreams down to size. But guiding you homeward, piercing the dark is

the love light that shines In His eyes. Now and forever that light never dies, You're dearly beloved In His eyes.

● **O Clap your Hands (2011)**

Music and Lyrics by Daniel Burton

Source: Psalm 47:1, 2, 5-8

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=870>

This contemporary, somewhat difficult solo is a joyful, rhythmic, exhilarating high energy song of praise.

Lyrics: O clap your hands, all you people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises, sing praises with understanding. God sits upon the throne of his holiness.

Solos by Bible Lesson Section

Golden Text: Ps 119

● **Song of the Law - He (Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes) (1987)**

Music and Lyrics by Adrienne Tindall

Source: Ps 119: 33-36,38,40

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1398>

Based on a Bach chorale, this is a short recitative-style solo with a free-form melody and is part of a 7-song cycle, Song of the Law from Psalm 119.

Lyrics: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

● **Teach Me O Lord (1998)**

Music and Lyrics by Katrina Wylie

Source: Ps 119: 6,15-18,33; Ex 20: 3; Matt 15: 14; Luke 6: 40

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=326>

CD: http://vocal-works.com/order_PayPal.htm

Listen to MP3: <http://vocal-works.com/sounds/Solo%20bank/TeachMeOLord.mp3>

Fresh, moderate difficulty; some rhythms in the accompaniment will take practice. Interesting; effective recurring accompaniment patterns. Powerful message.

Lyrics: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end, unto the end. Teach me, Lord. Then shall I no longer be dismayed when I have respect unto all thy commandments. Deal bountifully with thy servant That I may live and keep thy word. Open my eyes That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I will meditate in thy precepts, I will not forget thy word. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Shall the blind lead the blind, or shall they both not fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master, but everyone that is perfect shall be as his master. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.