O God, Bestow Your Love and Care

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This hymn was composed in response to the challenge of a pastor friend to write a hymn for the wedding of a same-sex couple. It would be appropriate as well for the ceremony of any couple along the LGBTQIAA continuum. It won the 2015 hymn contest of Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN, for “a hymn that celebrates language of love, inclusiveness, commitment, and the love God has for the union of all people regardless of gender.”

Scriptures: Gal. 5:22; I Jn 4:7-21

Theme: Wedding of a couple from the LGBTQ community

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