

## A Program Note on Two Preludes:

These two organ preludes are based on quintessential Brethren hymns, each being the product of Brethren poets and composers. Indeed, the author of "Jesus Christ, God's only Son" was Alexander Mack, Jr. (1712-1803), a son of one of our founders. Nevin Fisher composed his hymn tune specifically for Mack's text to be included in our 1951 hymnal as did Perry Huffaker, for Kenneth Morse's hymn text on the Holy Spirit, "Move in our midst." I composed these two hymn tune preludes in the 1980s and played them from manuscript occasionally for services of worship at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and for Spiritual Life Institutes of Bridgewater College. It was suggested that I make any appropriate hymn preludes of mine available to other Brethren organists particularly for the tercentennial year (2008) in which we commemorate the founding of the Brethren denominations originating with the Schwarzenau Brethren. This prompted the publishing of these two preludes.