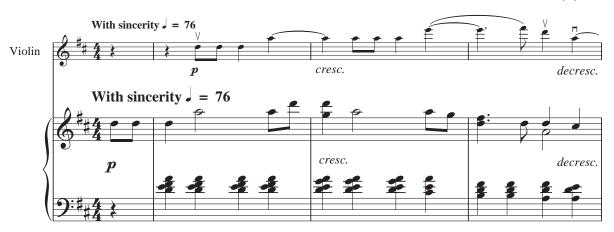
## I Am With You

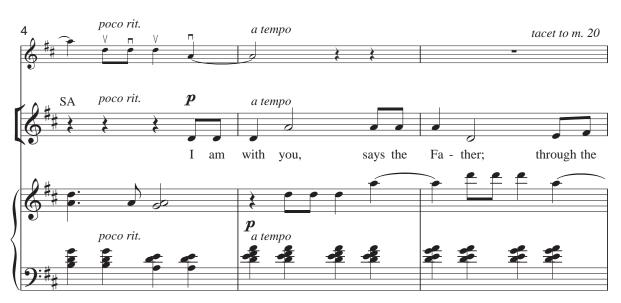
SATB with opt. Violin

Words by Chris Anderson Music by **Greg Habegger** Arranged by **Molly Ijames** 

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, the lives of young people from Colonial Hills Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana were changed forever. Returning from a trip, just a mile from home, their bus crashed, injuring many and taking the lives of their youth pastor, his wife, their unborn child, and another mother. Just days before the tragedy, Chris Anderson wrote this text as an encouragement for Christians in the midst of difficulties. Little did he know how fitting it would be for grieving families, a grieving church, and a grieving Christian community. Greg Habegger, Chris' usual collaborator on hymn projects and an Indiana native, composed a tune for the text in the days following the accident. It was introduced for the first time as part of the funeral service for the youth pastor and his family. This piece now stands as a powerful reminder of God's presence in our lives during even the most heartbreaking of times. It is my privilege to arrange this hymn, with the hopes that it will encourage others as it has me. God is with us until the day when He takes us to be with Him.

Molly Ijames





<sup>\*</sup>A congregational hymn version of this song is available as a free download at churchworksmedia.com.

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