



Candace Sutter

Christian Artist

Candace Sutter of Crescent, Iowa has been composing, teaching and performing all her life. A Norfolk, Nebraska native, she performed with her siblings starting at age two. She took piano, organ, guitar and drum lessons while also taking interest in songwriting and musical composition. At the age of eight, she wrote her first composition, a hymn, which was sung in church that same Easter Sunday by the grade school choir. Singing with family at home, church and other various functions kept her love and motivation for music moving forward.

Candace began accompanying church services and choirs while teaching piano and drum lessons from high school forward. She later became choir director, organist and drummer at her church, also singing and/or playing for weddings and festivals.

Candace studied music at Central Community College and Wayne State College while acquiring a degree in Business Administration. She continued studies in theory and conducting privately thereafter.

In Candace's earlier composition years, she primarily focused on adult and children's church choir music and piano solo music while growing more into contemporary praise and worship songwriting. After moving to Iowa in recent years, her focus drove forward into the latter with additional ambition to perform more.

March 15, 2015 Candace directed her first historical debut concert with adult and children's choirs showcasing various choral pieces she had composed for the seasons of the church year. The concert ended with Candace performing more of her original piano and vocal solos.

A *Christmas in July* concert, July 26, 2018 featured secular and sacred Christmas choir music directed by Candace and original praise and worship music performed by Candace and her band. It was then that God moved her to pursue more of this type of songwriting and performing even more.

After her July 2018 concert, Candace was ready to take the next step and reached out to Wynne Adams of Nashville, Tennessee. She had met Wynne previously at the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search that she had conducted in Nebraska some years prior. Candace then began to work with Wynne and Bill Warner of WarnerWorks to prepare and record three of her songs at Omnisound Studios in Nashville.

Open Your Heart is Candace's debut album for Christian worship, released on July 22, 2019 by Wynnesong Records in Nashville. The original songs are published by Musical Journey Publications, LLC and Song Brook. *Open Up for Us the Gates of Heaven* is a powerful song of praise to our Lord and Savior, primarily based on Psalm 118. It may be used as a call to worship, a song of comfort and furthermore, a song of praise to God for ALL the loving things He has done for us! We ask God to open the gates of righteousness that we may enter and give Him all the praise and glory, for it is in Him whom we have eternal salvation, and with Him we look forward to spending an eternity in Heaven!

Inspired by Psalm 127 and Proverbs 31, *She Taught Him How to Pray* discusses the role God has given a mother. A mother is to speak with wisdom and give instruction to her children as they grow. She cannot do this on her own, but rather with the love and help of God Himself. This wisdom can then be passed on to her children's children.

"*Here Am I* is very personal to me. God has given many the opportunity to share His Word in numbers of ways. With the gift of music and writing, God gives me this opportunity to be one of these people to use His gift by sharing His Word through my songs. Nothing gives me greater honor and glory to fill this role as His servant. As Isaiah said in chapter 6, I also say, Here am I! Send me! Send me!"

Candace loves to write songs, sing and rejoice in the Lord! She especially enjoys writing creative worship music that, through it, the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of all to God and His Word.