

June 21, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Father's Day"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...turn to me and be gracious to me;
Give your strength to your servant..."
-Psalm 86:16*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"This Is My Father's World"

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 86)

Lauren Helmreich

Incline Your ear, O God; and listen to us;
Preserve us and strengthen us, for we are devoted to You!

**We cry out to God all day long;
To gladden our hearts and lift up our souls!**

God, You are good and forgiving;
Abounding in Steadfast Love to all who call on You!

**God hears our cries of despair; God listens to our pleas.
In all our trouble, we will call upon God to save us!**

Teach us Your ways, O God; that we may walk in Your Truth;
Give us undivided hearts to revere Your Holy Name!

**We give thanks to God with our whole hearts;
And we glorify God's Name forever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

NCH #21

*Opening Prayer

Lauren Helmreich

God of challenge and call, we know that your path is not always easy. You call us to follow you, but following you often results in conflict with family and friends. Standing up for justice and your righteousness is not always easy. Forgive us for the times when we take the easy path and neglect our duty as your disciples. Remind us of the importance of discipleship, and teach us to glorify your name in all that we say, in all that we do; even when it is difficult or dangerous to do so. We thank you, Gracious God, for the challenges we face in your name; for we know they draw us closer to you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus calls us to follow him; but the path is not always easy. Indeed, Jesus tells us that by following him, we will be set against others in the world; including family and friends. But even in the midst of those challenges, God is with us; providing for us and loving us. We are all blessed and beloved by God. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

NCH #283

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

Children’s Time

Pastor Rick

Response

“This Little Light of Mine”

**This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Living our Mission

“CWS Tools and Blankets”

Lindsey Oberle

Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Adam McCall

Thomas Dorsey

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 21:8-21

Lauren Helmreich

Abraham is instructed to reject Ishmael, the son he bore with Hagar (Sarah’s servant). God promised Abraham that even though he must reject Ishmael (and Hagar) God would provide for both of them. We then hear about God’s provision and God’s promise to Hagar that God would also make a mighty nation through Ishmael.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 10:32-39

Lauren Helmreich

Jesus shares some difficult wisdom with his followers; that his way is not always free of conflict. Even family ties might be severed because of the difficulty of his message, that the ways of God differ from the ways of the world. A difficult “Father’s Day” passage!

Reflection:

“Fathers and Sons”

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn:

“Loving Spirit”

(insert)

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD’S Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Grant Us Peace"

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**



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"Sonata"

Amy Crousore
Domenico Scarlatti

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*Response

"We Praise You, O God"

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**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Lauren Helmreich

God of love; like a parent you guide us, inspiring us to be your servants in the world. In response, we offer these gifts today. Take them and use them to share your love with all the world. Continue to inspire us to be stewards of your Creation, sharing our blessings with all the world as we share the love exemplified by Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude

"Rejoice; the Lord is King"

Amy Crousore
Darwell/Mansfield

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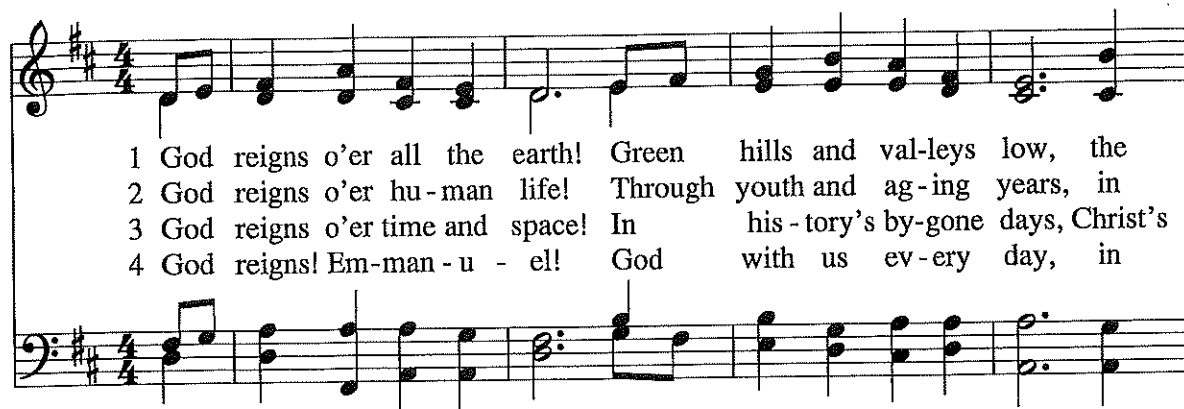
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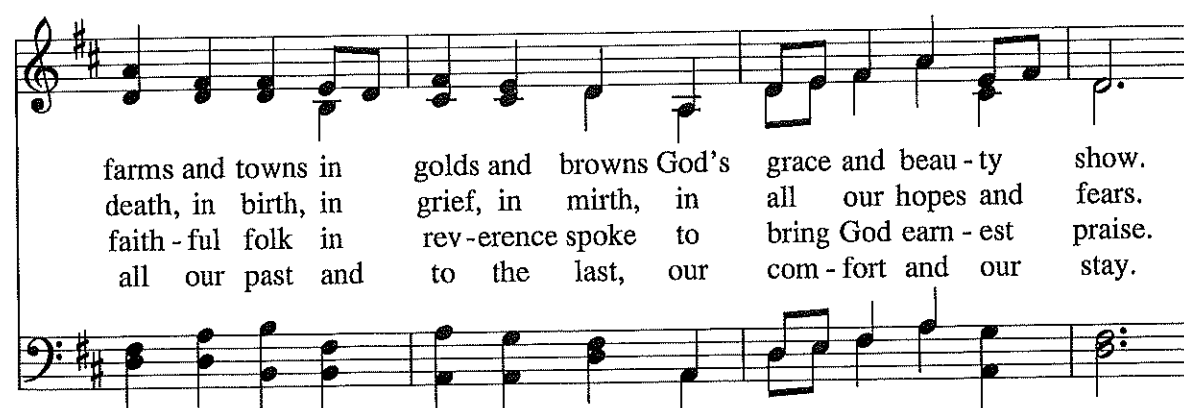
God Reigns o'er All the Earth

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

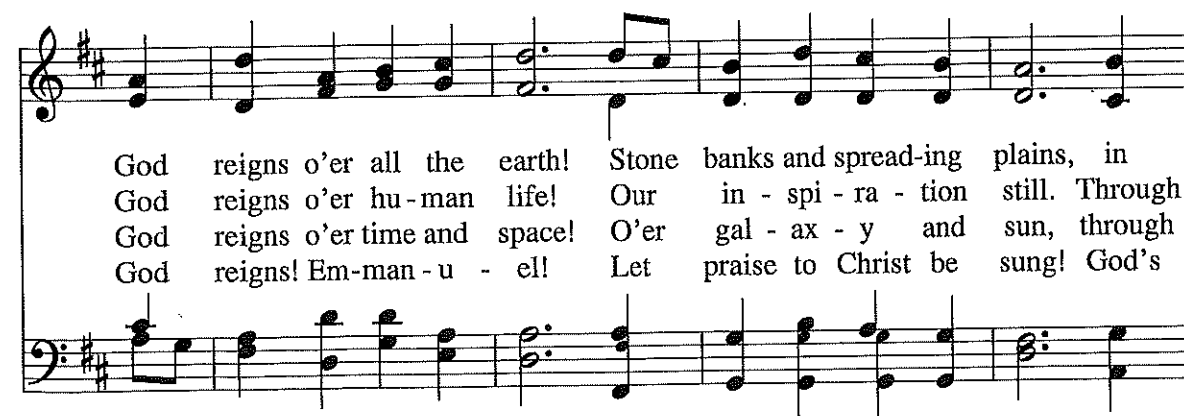
Isa. 52:7-10



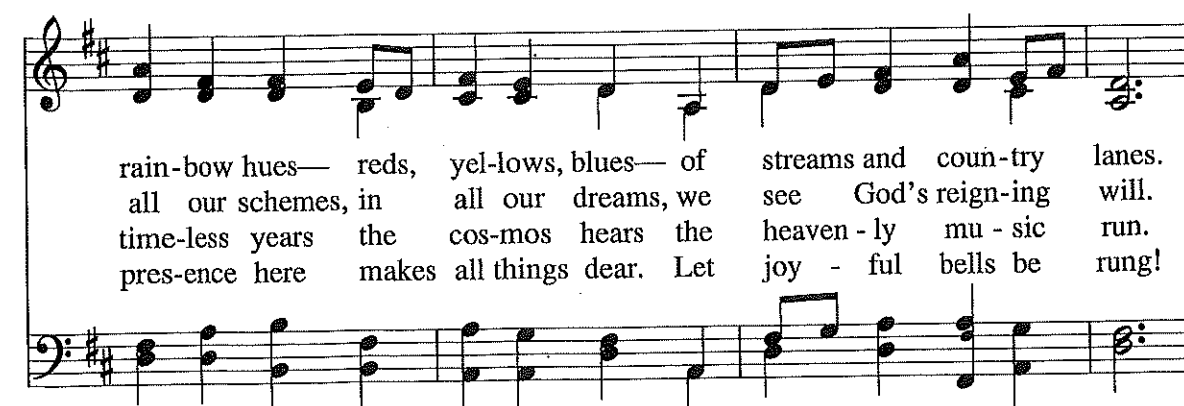
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
 faith - ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn - est praise.
 all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still. Through
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun, through
 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun - try lanes.
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven - ly mu - sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

The author's notes on this text describe it as a progression of awareness of God's reign among us—in physical surroundings, in the various stages of life, in time and space, and supremely in Christ, God with us.

Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

Loving Spirit

1,5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be -
 2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4. Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987
 MUSIC: David Gregof Corner, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro (19th century)

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Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981
 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1968

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