

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



God is still speaking,

*"a traditional and nurturing church celebrating God's grace
through reason, education,
diversity, inclusion, and social justice"*

We are an Open and Affirming Church

JUNE 16, 2024

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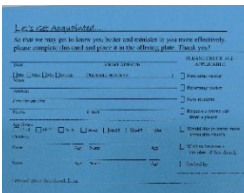
WELCOME

*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice because we are glad to be here!*



Sign the red attendance pad that is located in the pew seat near the center aisle and pass it to the next person.

We want to know that you were here!



Visitors may complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card, located in the pew racks, and place the card in the offering plate.

We are here to answer your questions!



SILENCE your technology but still “check-in” and use social media and share our website and portions of our worship that inspire you!



Continue to help us reduce our carbon footprint. If you are not receiving the bulletin via email, and would like to, please contact the church office – 407-647-2416. The bulletin can also be found on our website, fccwp.org. Go to the tab labeled “Bulletin” and locate the appropriate pdf file.



Continue to open up your ‘What’s Happening’ newsletter emails to keep up-to-date on all of the weekly and monthly events. Or visit our website at www.fccwp.org. There is a lot happening in the life of this church and you do not want to miss a thing!



If you have a **prayer need or a joy to share**, please fill out the white prayer request card located in the pew pockets and drop it in the collection plate. We will place your prayer need on our confidential prayer chain. If you wish to have a joy or a need announced in church, permission must be given by calling the church office.



Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

* All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand

Preparing to Hear God's Word

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

Please refrain from applauding

Laura Powalisz

WELCOME

Rev. Shawn Garvey

* *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Rev. Garvey

People: "It is good to be here to worship and praise you, O God"

* *OPENING HYMN*

"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

No. 21

* *OPENING PRAYER*

* *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

All children please come forward for Young Church.

YOUNG CHURCH

"The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior"

PreK-12th grade will meet for Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall for Flock Sunday and continue the Sunday lesson, with the older youth helping to mentor the younger children.

Children through 5th grade should be picked up immediately following the worship service.

Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

HEBREW

Psalm 20

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Hear My Prayer, O Lord"

Antonin Dvorak

Please refrain from applauding

Laura Powalisz

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Organic”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

While the Mustard Seed is often preached on from this section of Mark, there is another parable about seeds just prior to it of a seed growing of itself. This short parable is worth a look, as it describes God planting the seed of The Kingdom in the world, and then effectively the rest organically happens. Whether the sower sleeps or rises, whether it is night or day, the seed sprouts and grows, and just exactly how is unknown. Yet, when the grain is ready the sower reappears to gather in the harvest. What kind of message of hope might this be as to how the Spirit of God grows in the world?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Largo”

Antonio Vivaldi

Please refrain from applauding

*Doxology (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”

No. 383

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

In Remembrance

The flowers on the altar today are given by Linda Peters in loving support of her brother, Bob Heinzmann on Father's Day memorializing his daughter, Linda's Neice, Christina Steele. Christina's Celebration of Life service was held yesterday in Melbourne.

If you are leaving for the summer, please remember to pay your pledge. Attendance declines during the summer months and the church relies on this revenue to meet our expenses. Please consider paying in advance for the weeks or months that you will be gone and help us out during this critical cash flow time frame. Thank you.

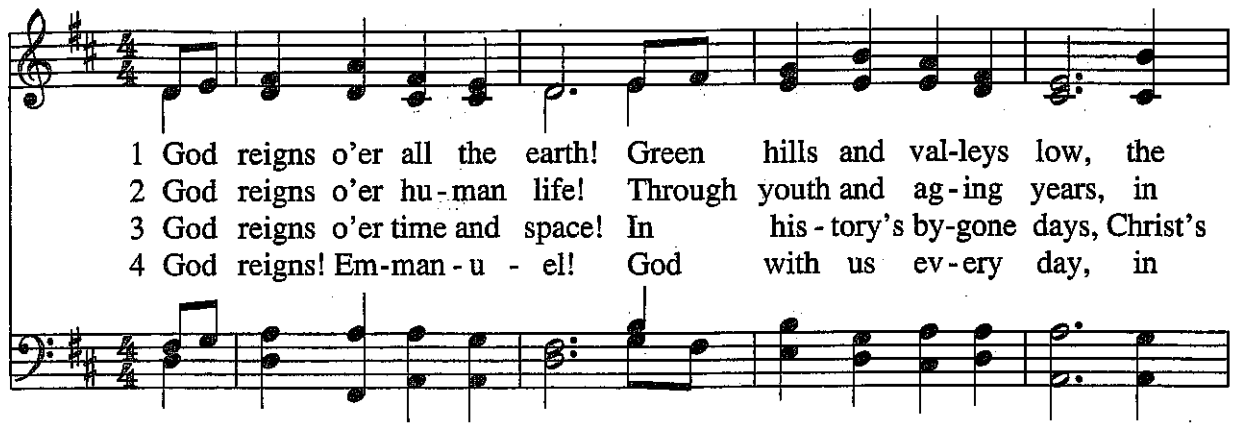


God Reigns o'er All the Earth

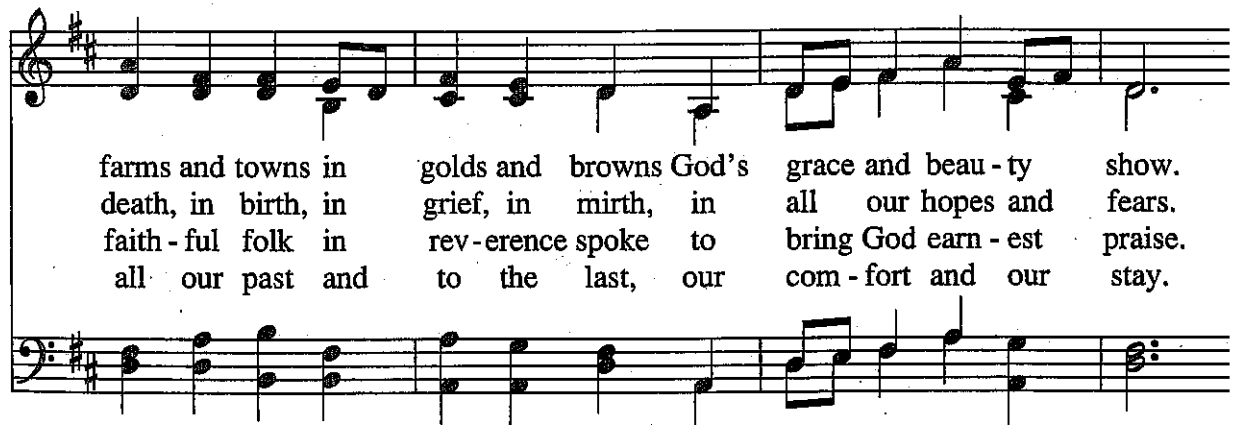
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

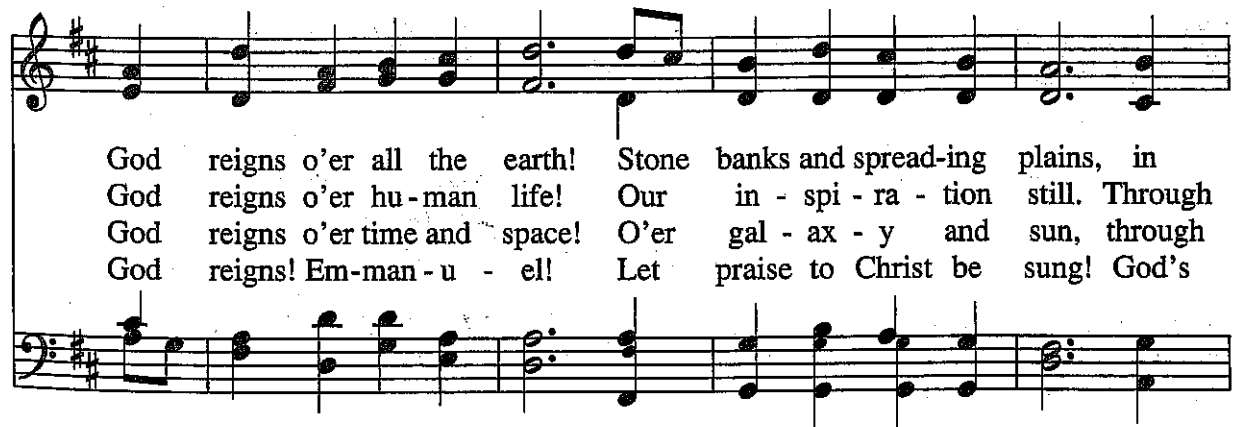
Isa. 52:7-10



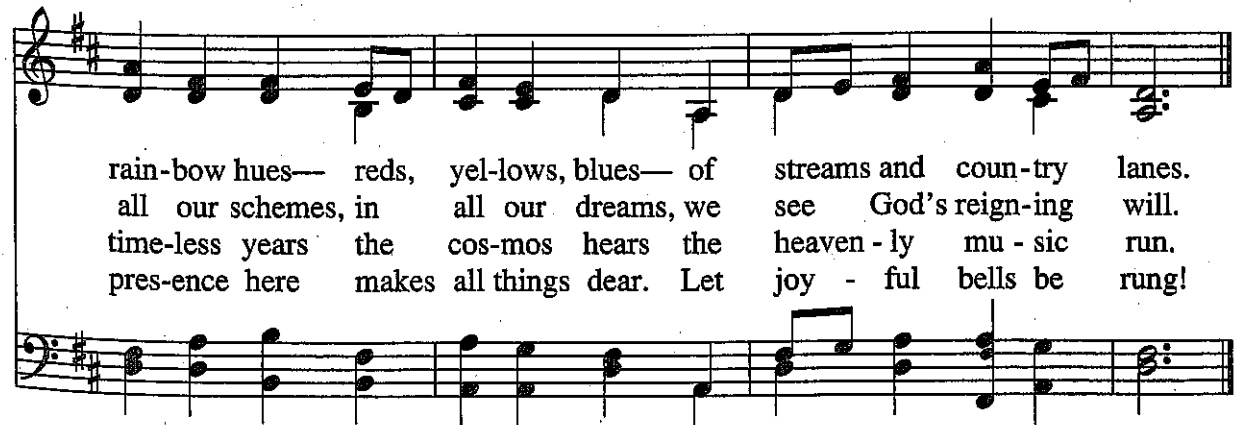
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



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.

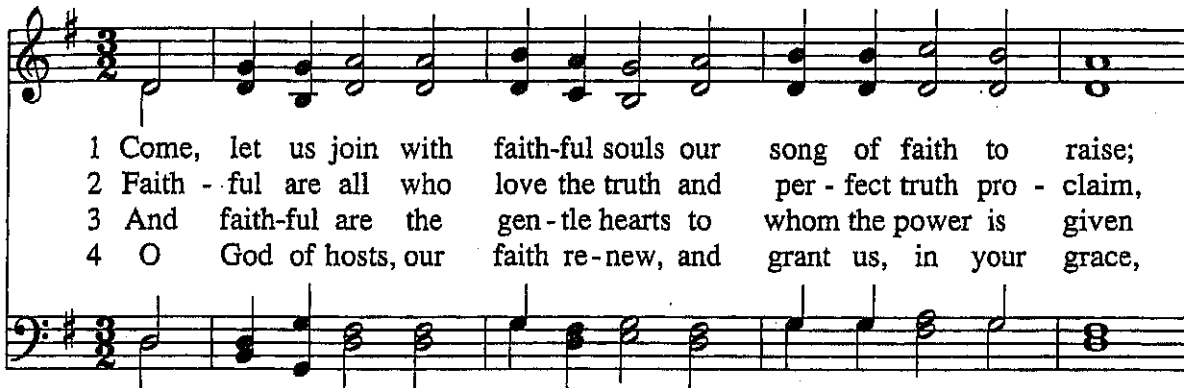
Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

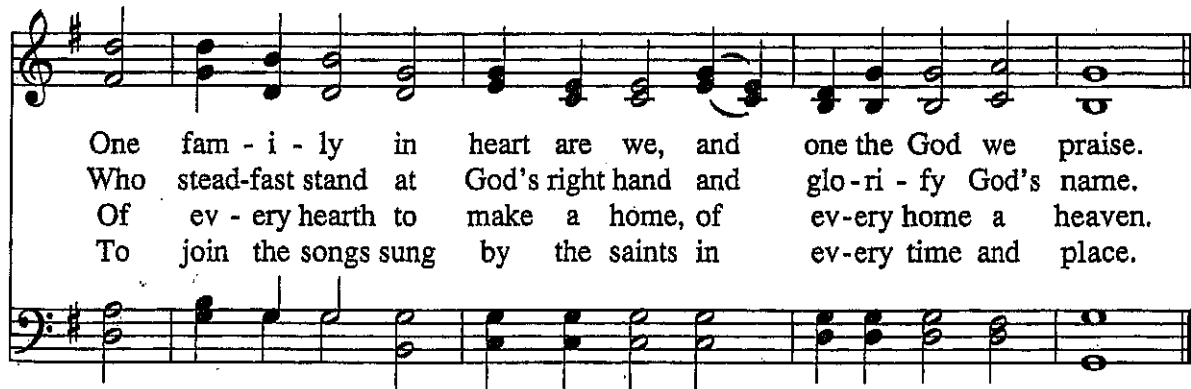
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William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.

Rev. 5:11-14



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re-new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

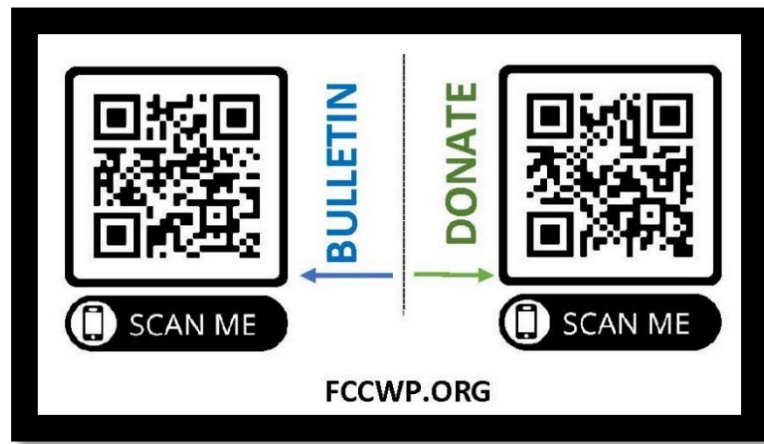
Arr. Lowell Mason, in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

June 23

Help with set-up for VBS

Immediately following worship

See Kerry Weisner for more information

June 30

VBS Sunday

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