

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 29, 2023

ALL SOULS & ALL SAINTS DAY

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and upon the work of our hands.

○ prosper the work of our hands!

Psalm 90:17

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Swan

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

For All The Saints

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Holy One, you have been our dwelling-place in every generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
before the first river carved its course to the sea,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All: A thousand years to you are like yesterday when it is past.
They are like grass that is renewed and flourishes in the morning;
and in the evening fades and withers.**

One: We succumb to anger and are overwhelmed by violence.
We are quick to despair and forget your abundant love.
We set before you our aimlessness and sin.

**All: Have compassion on your servants!
Forgive us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let your work be manifest through us,
Your power and presence through this church.**

One: Remember: we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
When God is revealed we will be transformed.
And the favor of the Most High will be upon us,
to prosper for us the work of our hands!

(Psalm 90, 1 John 3)

*Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Message for All Ages

Children leave for Faith Workshop.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Witnessing Stewards

Jaime and Nate Klippenstein

Senior Choir Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

Carter setting

Marybeth Costello, mezzo-soprano

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessing

Sermon

*Hymn

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

Prayers of the People

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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Voluntary

Elgar

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor (Celebrating Halloween)

Bach

*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit,
to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral
Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

*All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. This Sunday, we celebrate the joy
of Halloween—or All Hallows' Eve—with Trunk or Treat. If you have decorated a Trunk, please set
up immediately after worship. Children will gather in the Parish Hall to get their goody bags!*

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

For All the Saints

First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

In unison

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith be -
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain
 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the

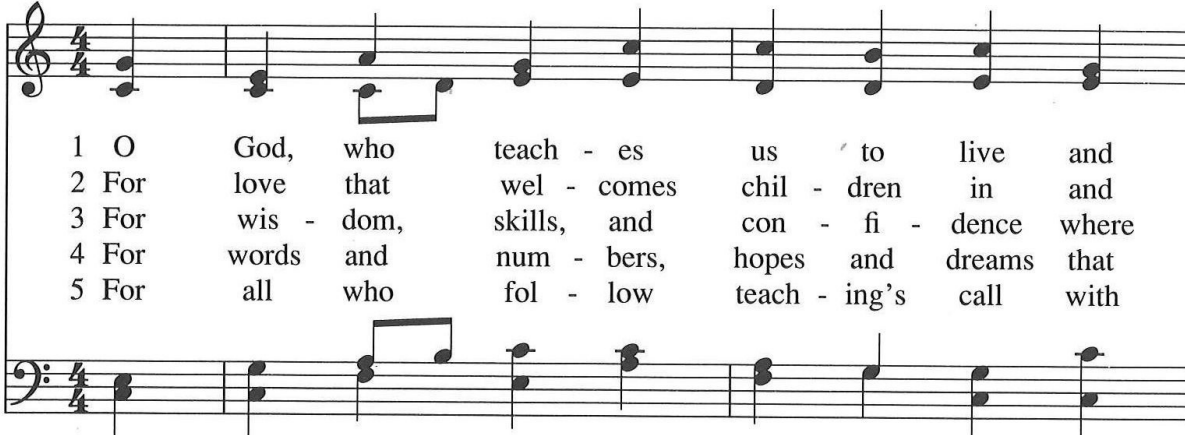
fore the world confessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 nobly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 dis-tant triumph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

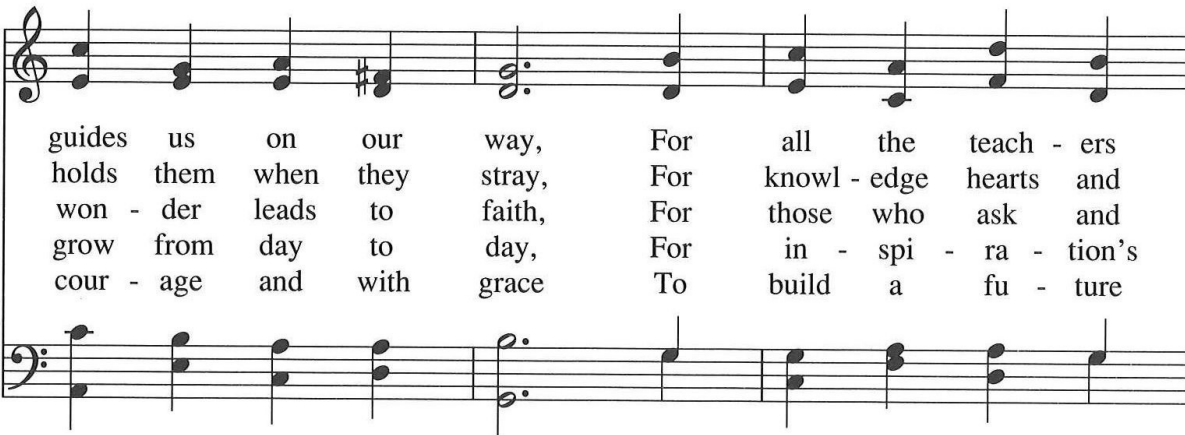
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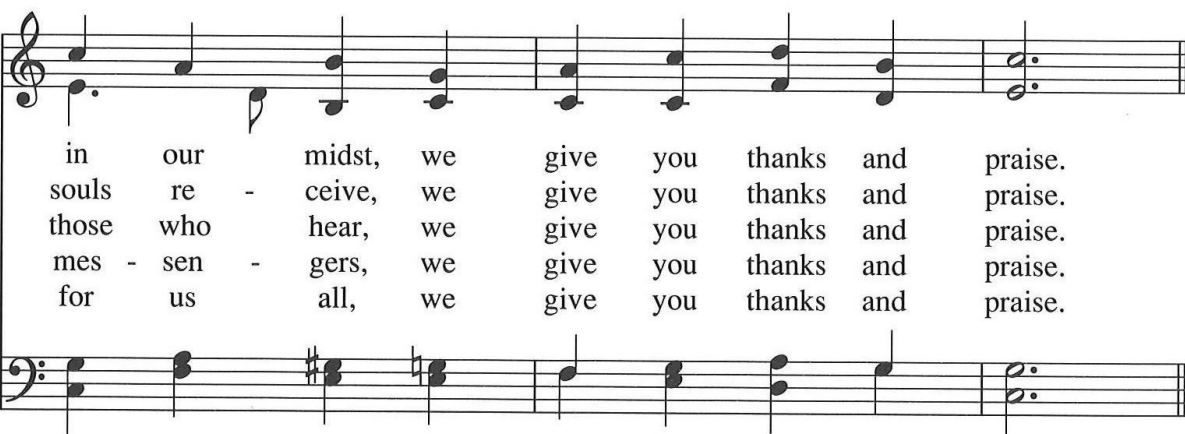
Tom Hunter, 1992



1 O God, who teach - es us to live and
2 For love that wel - comes chil - dren in and
3 For wis - dom, skills, and con - fi - dence where
4 For words and num - bers, hopes and dreams that
5 For all who fol - low teach - ing's call with



guides us on our way, For all the teach - ers
holds them when they stray, For knowl - edge hearts and
won - der leads to faith, For those who ask and
grow from day to day, For in - spi - ra - tion's
cour - age and with grace To build a fu - ture



in our midst, we give you thanks and praise.
souls re - ceive, we give you thanks and praise.
those who hear, we give you thanks and praise.
mes - sen - gers, we give you thanks and praise.
for us all, we give you thanks and praise.

United Church of Christ minister Tom Hunter describes himself as a "minstrel" for schools and churches across the United States. This hymn was written "to celebrate and thank teachers in both Sunday and weekday schools because their work shapes the future for us all."

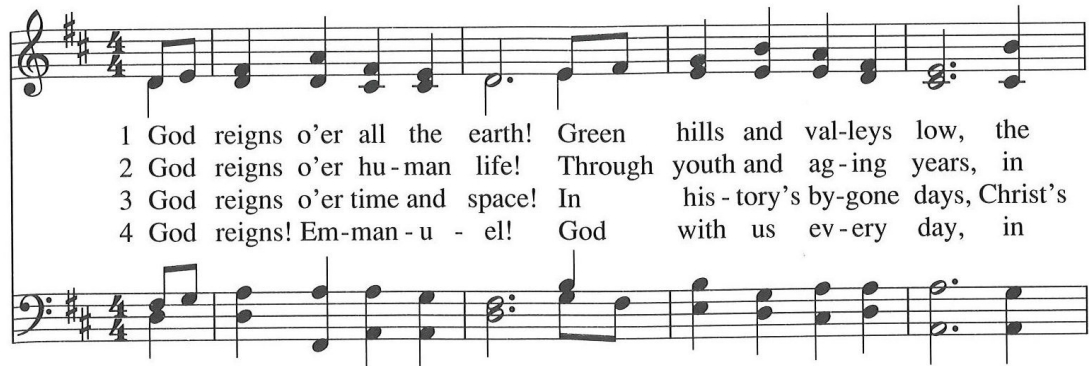
Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

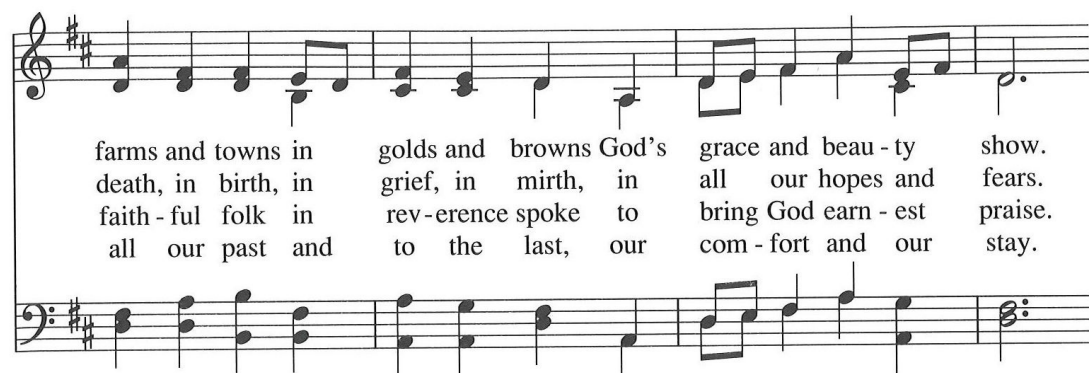
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

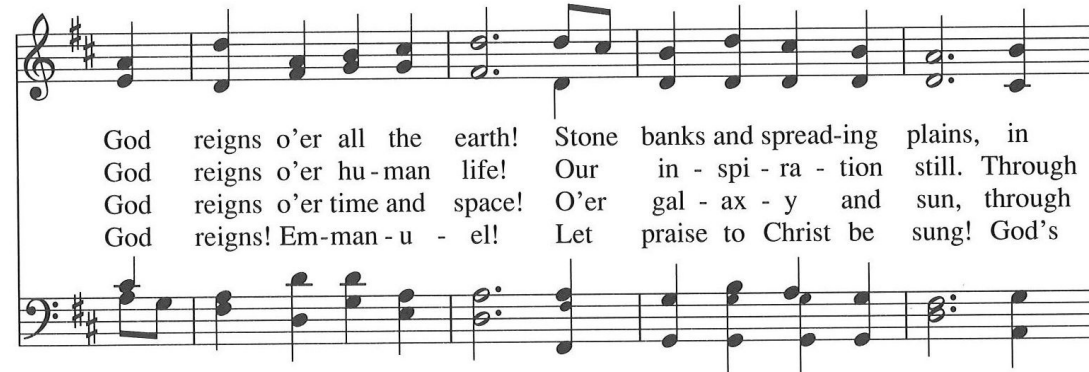
Isa. 52:7-10



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

Bulletin Reminders

After worship, Rev. Morisse will be available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Roberta Kwiatkowski, in celebration of the birth of Davina Pandora Kwiatkowski, daughter of Sarah and Phillip Kwiatkowski.



ALL SAINTS DAY & HALLOWEEN

Today, we celebrate All Saints Day and All Hallows Eve (i.e. Halloween)! After worship, children will meet in the Parish Hall to decorate their goody bags. Then, it's outside for Trunk or Treat!

SUNDAY COFFEE KLATCH

Thank you to all October Coffee Klatch members! The November Klatch leaders are **Meg Doucette** and **Elizabeth Tustian**, who will be sending out emails to the November Klatch team in the next couple of weeks. See *Wednesday Email* for November roster.

6-WEEK DISCUSSION GROUP ON PRAYER

What really happens when we pray? Does it really matter? Are there right and wrong ways to pray? If you have questions about prayer, or if you have things you've learned that you can share with others, come join a 6-week discussion group on prayer. We'll use the *Lord's Prayer* as a guide to understand Jesus' vision on prayer and learn from and encourage each other in the process. The plan is to meet Wednesday evenings, at church, but the schedule can be adjusted according to people's availability. If you're interested, contact **Shari Van Hook**, at 508.308.4961, or shari.vanhook@gmail.com.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH WELCOMES TIMOTHY'S TOY BOX FOUNDER

On Sunday, **November 12**, Sharon Gilbert, founder of *Timothy's Toy Box*, a Framingham non-profit supported by our church, will be here to share her story with us. We invite folks to bring unwrapped new toys to donate, anytime starting October 26, and leave them in the Pack 'n Play in the foyer of the Parish Hall. Any questions, call Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477. Find link to wish list in your *Wednesday Email*.

CLEAR EGG CARTON DRIVE

Our neighbor on the Common, the Framingham Historical Society, has a great need for clear egg cartons that can be used for their upcoming Tag Sale. Please leave your donations in the bin marked "Egg Carton Donations" in the Parish Hall foyer.

Fall Soup Sale

November 5

The leaves are falling, mornings have become frosty, and the Fall Soup Sale will take place on **NOVEMBER 5**, after worship.

Please plan to pick up quart containers at Coffee Hour and bring your homemade soup, chili, or crockpot favorite to sell.

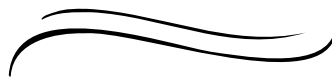
For more information, see **Leona Dalton** at the "Container Depot" at the next Coffee Hour.



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Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).