

The United Church of Christ, Congregational

Burlington, MA

Pentecost Season

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

October 9th, 2022

10:30 A.M.

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We believe that God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ. Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means. In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love. We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church. Join us on our faith journey!

Coming...

Musical Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major" (BWV 545) –Johann Sebastian

Meditative Thought

NY Theological Seminary Professor, Keith Russell

"Remembering the Psalmist who heard God say, "Be still and know that I am God", is it possible that we ought say less about God?"

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"Come, O Come, Let Us Sing" – Marty Haugen, Ps. 95

Come, O come, let us sing to God,
Let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;
Come, enter in with our songs of praise,
Come, enter in with thanksgiving.

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

One: Our God speaks in marvelous ways!

All: Praise God, Creator of the Universes!

One: Our God is intimately close to us in Jesus!

All: Praise, God, Redeemer of human thoughts, feelings, and actions!

One: Our God is alive with Spirit!

All: Praise God, Moving Force of growth and transformation!

***Opening Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Opening Prayer

Holy, alluring God beyond our imagination, bless us with the gifts you see we need today. As we worship, draw us closer to you. Clear our minds and fill our thoughts. Pour yourself into our hearts and hold us securely. Free us for living faithfully, speaking truthfully, and sharing life gracefully. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Praise Response

Psalm 95: "Sing a Song to the Lord" – Liam Lawton

**Sing a song to the Lord's holy name.
May the wonders of God be proclaimed.
Sing a song to the Lord, now acclaim.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy is God's name!**

Children of God Time

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 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" – words Phil. 4:4; music anonymous

**Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! (repeat)
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice! (repeat)**

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

Litany

Inspired by *Psalm* 119

One: Blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

All: Wholeheartedly, we seek to understand your hopes for our life together.

One: We shall reflect on your expressions in Scripture and our experiences of life.

All: Give us understanding of your Word amidst the words of many voices.

One: Open our eyes that we may behold your richness of Spirit.

All: We sometimes live impoverished in our culture and society.

One: At times, we are consumed with all sorts of longings.

All: Revive us in righteousness so all will recognize your Living Being in us.

One: May receive and give love in ways worth treasuring.

All: With our whole selves, we offer these words as a prayer to you.

*Devotional Hymn

"Bring Many Names"

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Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings *Exodus 3:13-15, Deuteronomy 31:16-18 & 19, Ephesians 3:18-19 & Matthew 5:5 & 8*

Exodus 3: But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Deuteronomy 31: The Lord said to Moses, "Soon you will lie down with your ancestors. Then this people will begin to prostitute themselves to the foreign gods in their midst, the gods of the land into which they are going; they will forsake me, breaking my covenant that I have made with them. My anger will be kindled against them, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them; they will become easy prey, and many terrible troubles will come upon them. In that day they will say, 'Have not these troubles come upon us because our God is not in our midst?' And, on that day I will surely hide my face on account of all the evil they have done by turning to other gods. Now, therefore write this song, and teach it to the Israelites; put it in their mouths, in order that this song may be a witness for me against the Israelites... And, when many terrible troubles come upon them, this song will confront them as a witness

Matthew 5: ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Ephesians 3: I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth & length & height & depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Our Sermon

21st Century Stewardship: It's About More than Money...

Rev. Ed Koonz

"Speaking of God Rather than for God"

Choral Offering

Anthem: "The Summons" – KELVINGROVE and MACPHERSON'S LAMENT
(Scottish tunes), arr. Sondra K. Tucker; words by John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" – Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

"I Surrender All" – W.S. Weeden & J.W. Van DeVenter

Debbie Claar, soprano; John Getsinger, baritone

*Doxology

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 4) #42

**Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

*Prayer of Dedication & Consecration

*Musical Interlude

Going...

*Commissioning

One: Go, speaking carefully of God!

All: Let us offer words of grace rather than judgement.

One: Go, following Jesus' Way with people!

All: Let us reflect our God in Christ-like actions!

*Closing Hymn

"O Day of God, Draw Near"

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*Benediction

Postlude

"Canzona in C Major" (BuxWV 166) – Dietrich Buxtehude

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*Please rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Ed Koonz, Interim Pastor
Joe Stoddard, Jr., Director of Music Ministry
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

Church Vision Statement, adopted February 2017:

*At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that **all are welcome, all are loved**. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.*

Our Church Goal for 2022:

UCC Burlington recognizes that our world continues to experience challenges and is undergoing change. In this recognition, we will grow in our Christian faith by embracing the peace that can be found in Jesus' love. We will find opportunities to see the beauty in the world and the joy of living. We will focus on being grateful for all our blessings, both big and small. Inspired by the scripture from Colossians 3: 12-14, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

We are in need of one or two more people to help with Zoom hosting. Please contact Michael Lewis!

We are in need of volunteers to help fill those spots that help worship run smoothly. If you can volunteer, it will allow all those who are volunteering on a regular basis to come be part of the congregation and enjoy worship from the pews!

Sign up online at [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) LINK is below, or contact Donna Flecchia at dmflec@gmail.com

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/567269842043/false?popup=true#/invitation>

JOYS and CONCERNS

Anne Stafford and son Bill (undergoing surgery)
Sarah and Ryan Clark expecting in January!
Sam McNeil and Brenna Tredesco engaged!
Debbie Claar
Jane Raymond
Karen and Dick Butler (Karen's brother John)
Jessy McNeil's brother Mel (hospitalized) and sister Grace
Barbara Leonard
Lynn and Lee Tirrell
Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy Surette and Ginger's son Jim
Dave McNeil
Sheila Vitale
Roberta Low
Joyce Carpenter and niece Cindy Tomlin
Jean Williamson
Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian and sister-in-law Joy Stoddard
Marilyn Langley and friend Mary Chase
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Larsen
Sally Mansfield's son, Mark
Tom Killilea and his brother Jim
Claire Simas
Alan Wright's cousin Tim
Barbara Moran
Luella Brown
Kelly Sievert
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
Jean Bastos
Rev. Elizabeth King
Jan Blandino
Barbara Garland
Henry Knopp
Everett Langley's brother George
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

So much gun violence!
Mother Earth! Our Nation!
The people of Ukraine!
Our First Responders! Our caregivers!
Urgent Care workers!
Military here and abroad!

Mask Policy Update

Beginning Sunday, October 23rd, wearing masks will be optional for all church events, including Sunday services. This decision has been made based on input from members of the congregation as well as a recommendation from parish council. Although masks will be optional, we encourage people to continue to wear masks and remain at home if they have symptoms or have been exposed to the virus. Remember, you may not have symptoms when you are infected with COVID-19.

Covid-19 will be with us for awhile and we need to continue our efforts to prevent its spread in the community. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted if you are able. There is a diversity of perspectives about wearing masks; please respect the decisions people make concerning this issue. While we assume this change in policy will be permanent, we will re-evaluate the mask policy if the rate or severity of infection increases in the future. We will continue to livestream our worship services and post recordings each week.

Also, food can once again be served during coffee hour. Coffee hour volunteers are not expected to provide food. To ease the work of the coffee hour volunteer, people who bring food for coffee hour will be responsible for setting and cleaning it up., Leftovers must be given away or taken home; no food can be left in the kitchen, refrigerator, or freezer. We also encourage people to bring individually wrapped items or serve the food to individuals while wearing gloves and using proper kitchen utensils.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." – John 13:34-35

**LEARN ABOUT THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 7-9PM
HERE IN SEWALL HALL
(on the November ballot)**

Also..

Tour the UCC Congregational Church,
National Register of Historic Places, 1732
Guests: Jon Sachs and Mike Tredeau,
church historian. All are Welcome!

October 9 Worship 10:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Ed Koonz |
| Organist: | Joe Stoddard, Jr. |
| Lay Leader: | Sally Willard |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Carol Downing |
| Greeter: | Woody Knowles |
| Flowers: | Woody Knowles |
| Collector: | Dick Butler |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday school: | Deb Raymond |
| Coffee Hour: | |

October 16 Worship-NIN 10:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Ed Koonz |
| Organist: | Joe Stoddard, Jr. |
| Lay Leader: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Carol Downing |
| Greeter: | Lucy Damiani |
| Flowers: | Paul Moratidis |
| Collector: | Marge Zamanian |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday school: | Deb Raymond |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Today | Worship and Sunday school |
| Mon. Oct 10 | Holiday-office closed |
| Tues. Oct 11 | Book Study at church 2pm
CPA Discussion and tour of UCC 7p |
| Wed. Oct 12 | Choir Rehearsal 7pm |
| Thur. Oct 13 | C4C
UCC Pumpkin Patch
Volunteers
Book Study via Zoom 7pm |
| Sun. Oct. 16 | Worship-NIN
Sunday School |

GREEN TEAM

Our first initiative is a book discussion, "The Book of Hope" by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. We are offering two dates and times, in person on Tuesday, October 11th at 2 PM in Sewall Hall and on Zoom Thursday, October 13th at 7 PM. Please contact Susan Eby at mmoosie@hotmail.com or Chris Stahlinski at cmstahl51@gmail.com to let them know which group you will be joining.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We will meet every Thursday at 1pm
Contact Susan Eby for details!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need special offering will be on Sunday October 16. NIN's web site describes their work as "supporting ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the **Council for American Indian Ministry** (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants."

There is box containing NIN envelopes on the back pew near the Sunday Bulletins and outside of Bobbie's office. You may also send a check, clearly marked with NIN, to the church office at 6 Lexington Street or you may also give digitally using Vanco.



CITY MISSIONS, COAT BOSTON

We will be collecting NEW coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarfs (infant to XX-Large). There is a bin located at coffee hour.

Must be in by November 17th so we can deliver to all before the cold weather gets here.

We thank you for your donations!



PUMPKIN PATCH ST. MARK'S CHURCH LAWN

We are so very happy to have the Pumpkin Patch back at St. Mark's Church lawn. The Patch is open all of October. Come shop local and support People Helping People of Burlington.

We are volunteering on the following date.

Thursday, October 13

OUR SEARCH COMMITTEES

Settled Pastor Search Committee:

Jan Costa, Co-Chair
Anna Karwan, Co-Chair
Carol Downing
Sam Flecchia
Julie Lewis
Laura Nowell
Caitlin Spearson

Director of Music Ministries

Search Committee:

Marcia Rich, Chair
Aline Beck
Karen Calandrelli
John Getsinger
Joan Zink

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

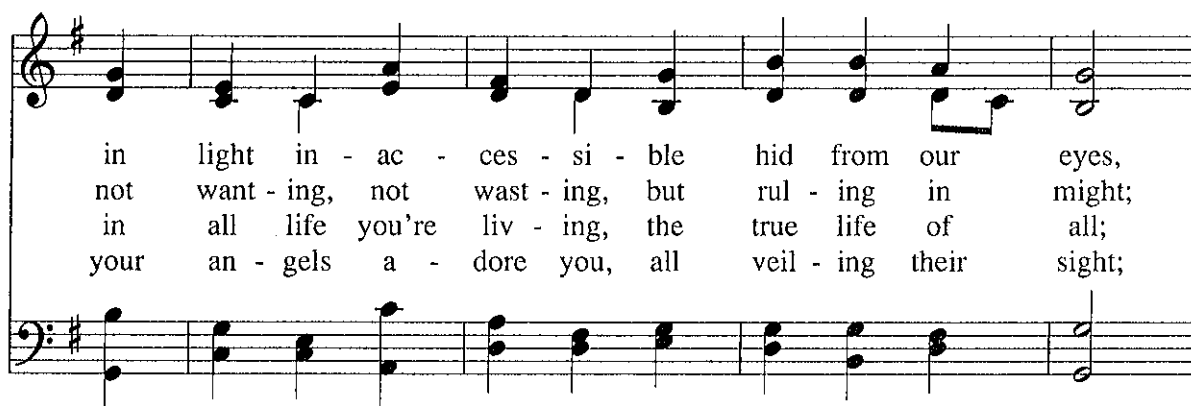
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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

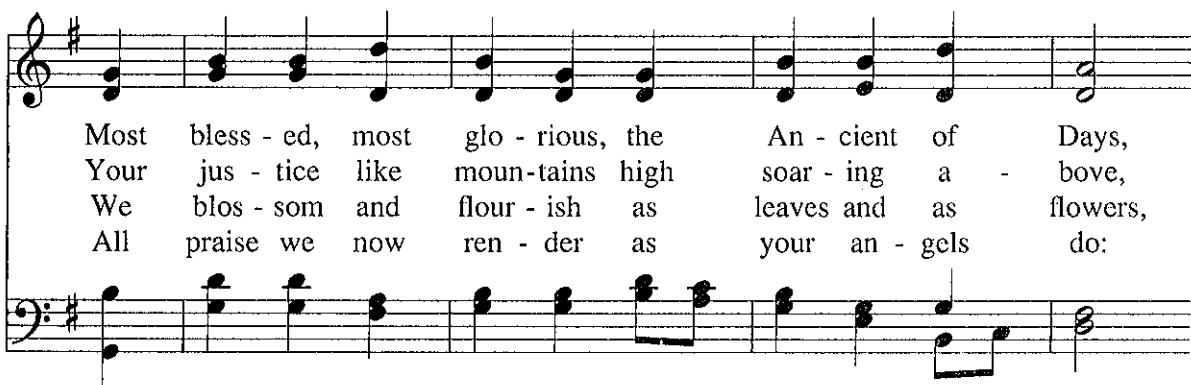
1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6



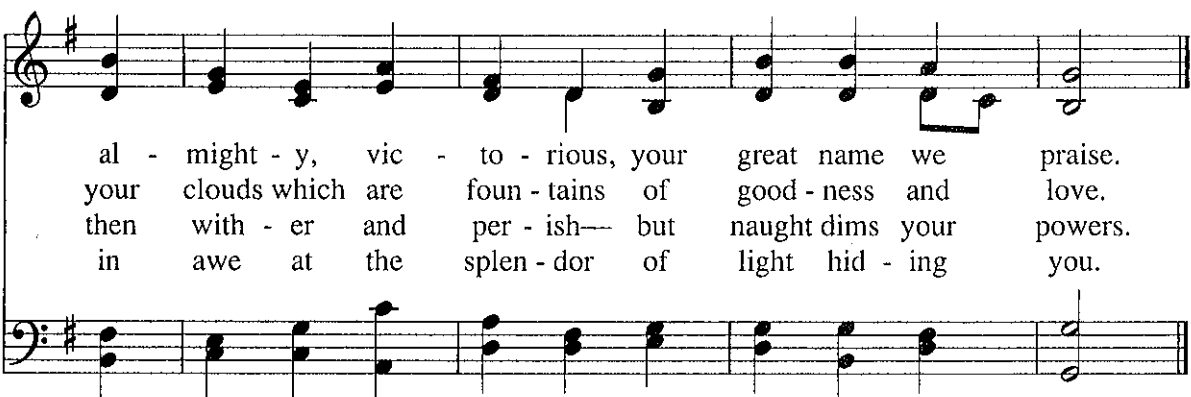
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

1-5 6

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

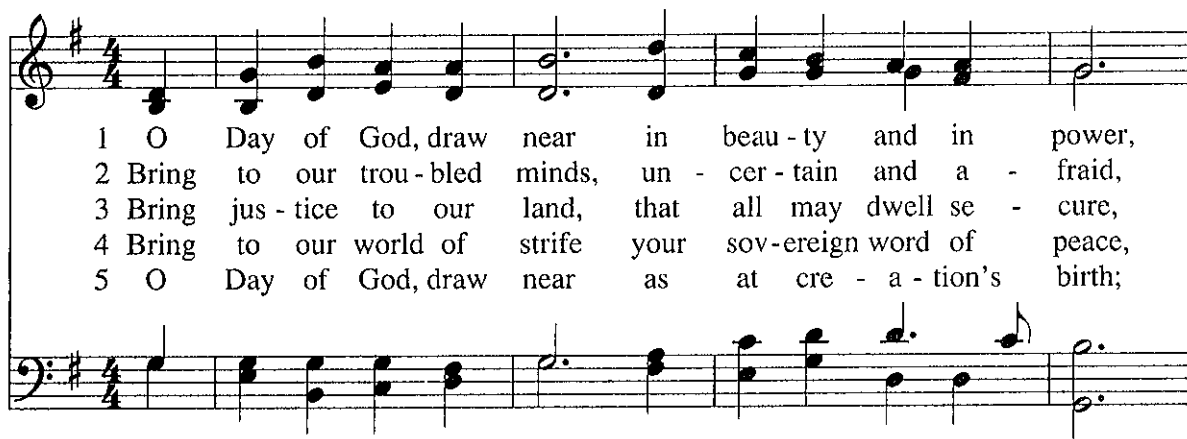
Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989

O Day of God, Draw Near

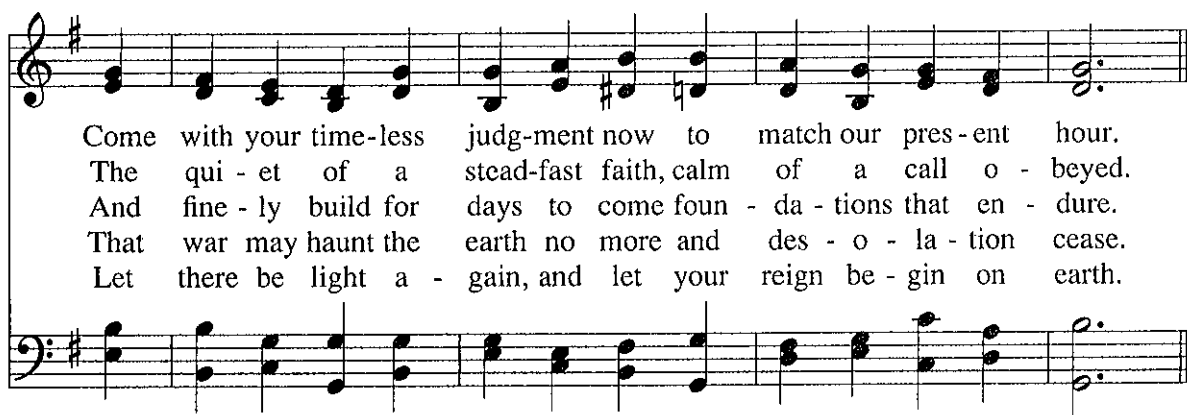
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R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.

Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15



1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
 4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
 5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;



Come with your time-less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 The qui - et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

R. B. Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and social reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, and at Princeton University. A minister in the United Church of Canada, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL S.M.
 Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551
 Adapt. William Crotch, 1836