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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

September 1, 2024

“My house is a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7)

Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Approach to God

*Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us.
When the service begins, please silence your voices and devices.*

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

Preparation Music Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost Dietrich Buxtehude
George Sargeant, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship** Jeannie Clarkson

ONE: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and treads upon it.

**ALL: We have come to find rest for our souls,
and thank God for the gifts of this world.**

ONE: God has given us the breath of life and the spirit of singing.

ALL: We have come to open our hearts in wonder.

ONE: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

ALL: Let us worship the living God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

***Hymn #21** (black hymnal) God Reigns O’er All the Earth *Terra Beata*

Prayer of Confession

God of power and grace,
when we put off until tomorrow our response to your call, forgive us.
When we do not follow good intentions with good actions, be patient with us.
When we harden our hearts, and rationalize our stubbornness, have mercy on us.
We confess that we are often better at creating our own vision than receiving yours.
Open the ears of our heart to hear your call, and respond, and love. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

ONE: Lift up your hearts!
ALL: We lift them up to God!

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***Hymn of Praise**..... *Faithfulness*

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, God, unto me!

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!
ALL: **And also with you!**

Children of all ages remain in worship for communion Sundays.

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-7

Sermon

Was Eve’s Curiosity a Sin?

Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster

***Hymn #316** (black hymnal) *We Limit Not the Truth of God* *Old 22nd*

Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Congregational Response #283 (black hymnal) *Spirit of the Living God* *Iverson*

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.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

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Offertory Thy Secret Place Felix Mendelssohn
Lia Bendix and Kristi Krueger, voice

In Thy secret place, Lord most high, in the secret place of the Almighty, I shall dwell in peace and in safety; I shall dwell in safety in his presence. His wings shall be my refuge, my God, in Him I put my trust; no evil shall befall me. In Thy secret place there is safety, I shall never fear the noisome pestilence; I have made the Lord my refuge, and His secret place my habitation. In Thy secret place, Lord I come, I shall dwell in safety in Thy presence; I will trust in Thee, Thou my fortress; and Thy truth shall be my shield and buckler. Thy wings shall be my refuge, my God, in Thee I put my trust; Thy wings shall be my refuge, no evil shall befall me. He shall send His angels to keep me, They shall watch and guard me from the fowler's snare. He hath set His love upon me, I shall praise and show Him my salvation.

***Doxology**.....*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, Bless our gifts of money, time, and skills to the flourishing of your people. For we desire a world in which generosity is the norm, and abundance abounds. May your spirit guide the use of our gifts and our service, for we dedicate them to the way of Christ. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion Panis Angelicus Francesco Gasparini
Betsy Kaufman, voice; Wesley Lewis, cello

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of redemptive love, by your gifts, a broken world is made whole, and your children are strengthened to follow as disciples in the way of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #77** (black hymnal) Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.....*Sicilian Mariners*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.
(sung twice)

The next worship service begins at 11:15 am for Heights Christian Church. Please collect your belongings and promptly vacate the chapel. Worship leaders will greet the congregation outside. Worship bulletins may be recycled in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance.

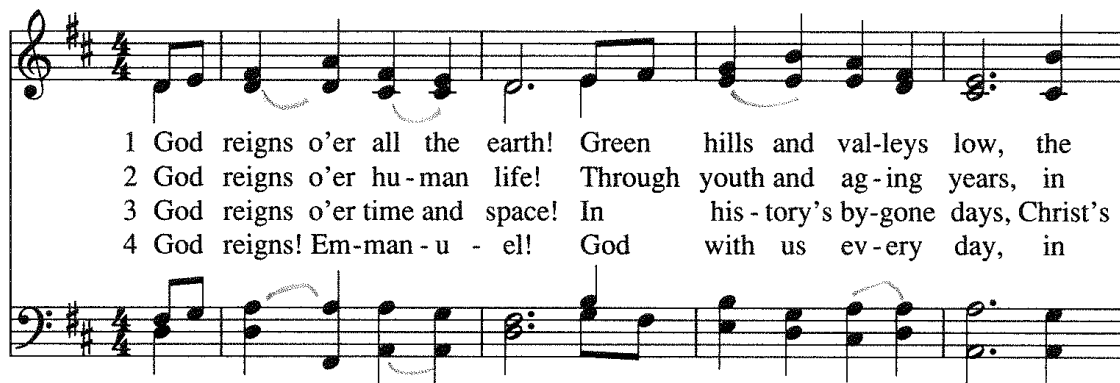
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God Reigns o'er All the Earth

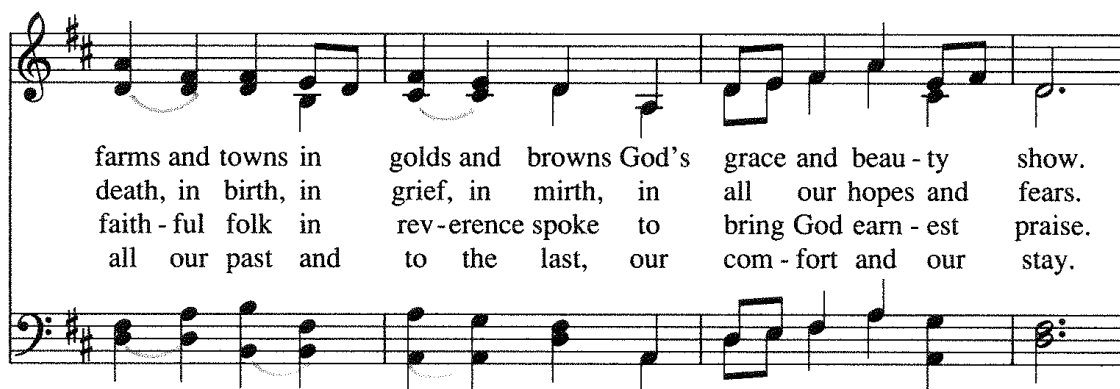
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

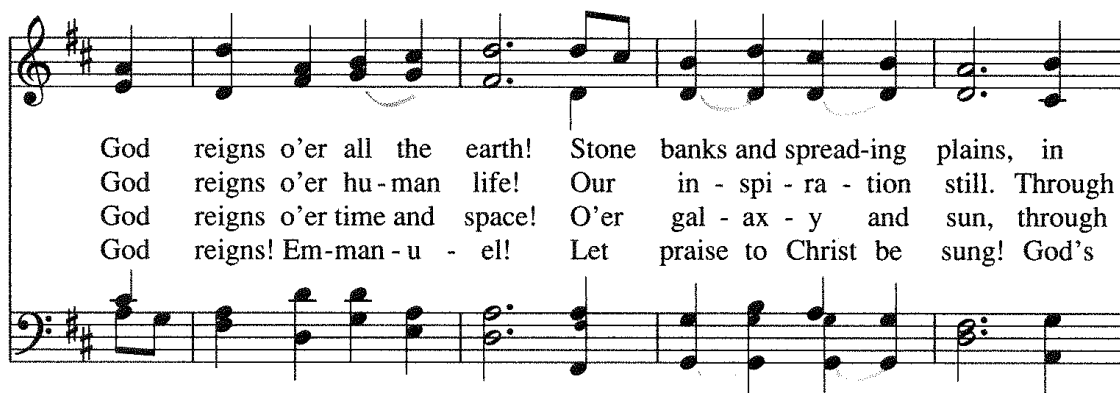
Isa. 52:7-10



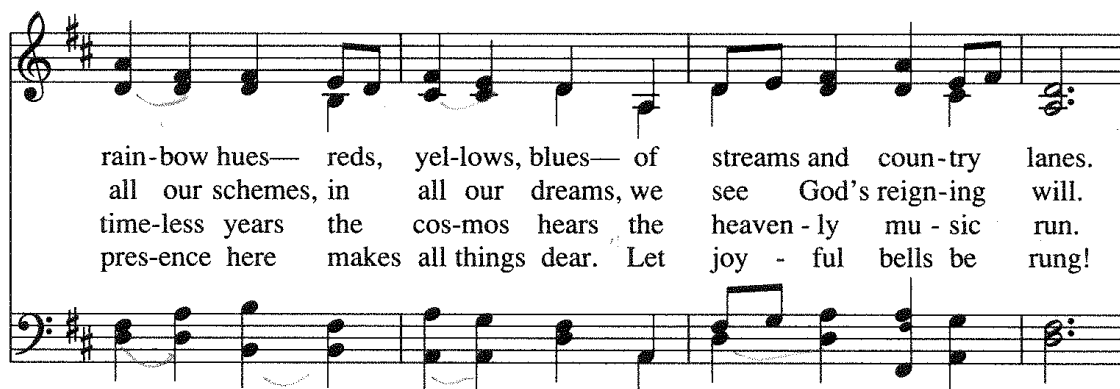
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



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



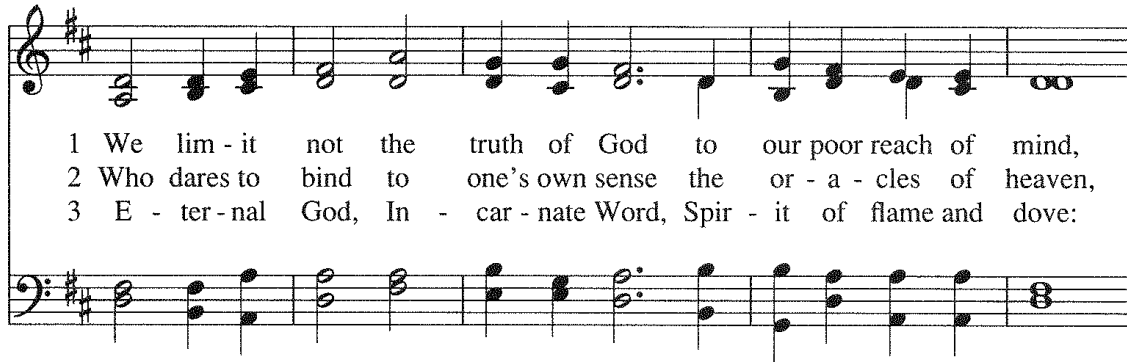
rain-bow hues—reds, yel-lows, blues—of streams and coun-try lanes.
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

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.

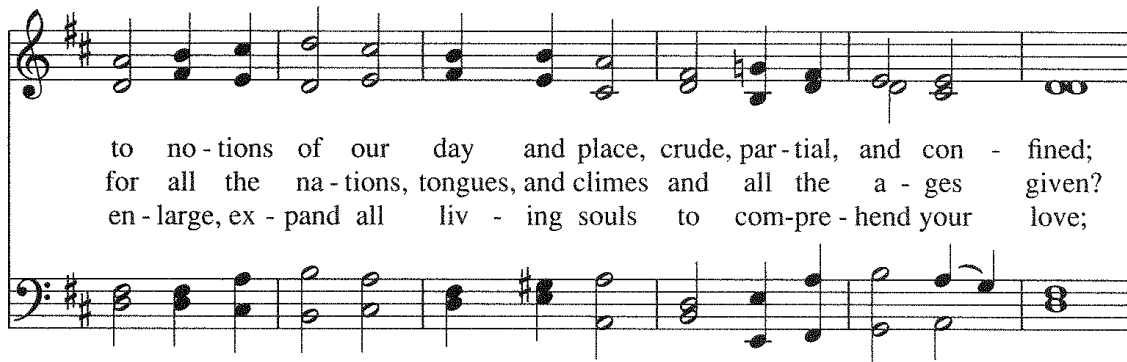
Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

We Limit Not the Truth of God

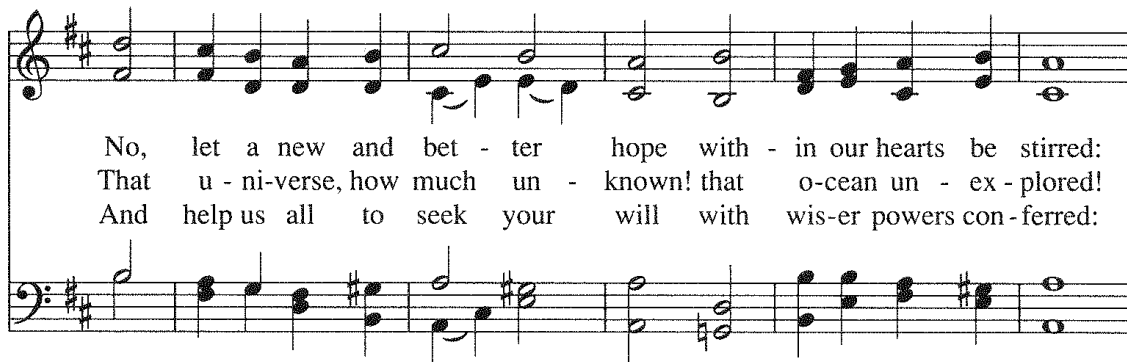
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George Rawson, 1853; alt.


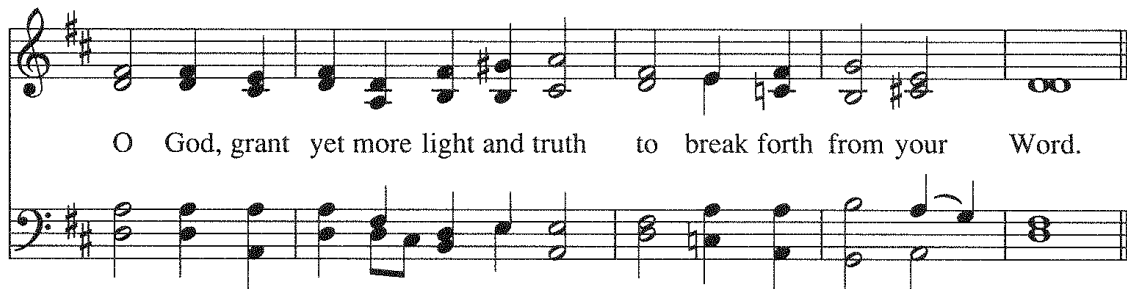
1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
 2 Who dares to bind to one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven,
 3 E - ter - nal God, In - car - nate Word, Spir - it of flame and dove:



to no - tions of our day and place, crude, par - tial, and con - fined;
 for all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges given?
 en - large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com - pre - hend your love;



No, let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred:
 That u - ni - verse, how much un - known! that o - cean un - ex - plored!
 And help us all to seek your will with wis - er powers con - ferred:



O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

*George Rawson based this text on the parting words of Pastor
 John Robinson to the Pilgrim founders in 1620.*

Tune: OLD 22nd C.M.D.
 Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1556

Alternate tunes: FOREST GREEN; ELLACOMBE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Sicilian melody, 18th century
 The European Magazine and Review, 1792