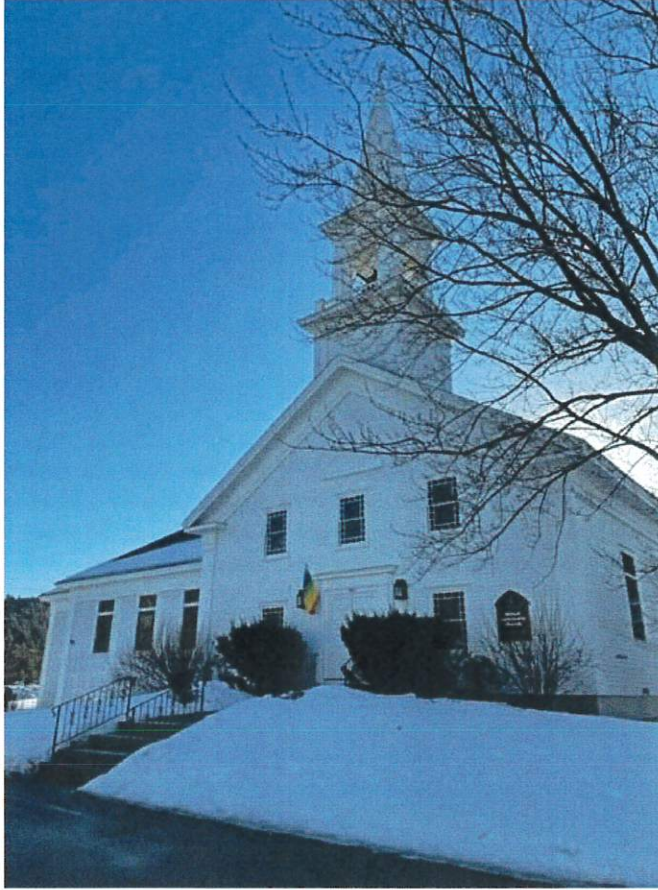


Sunday, January 19, 2025



**The Gilford Community Church
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor
Amber McLane, Director of Youth and Family Programs
AJ Coppola, Music & Choir Director**

**19 Potter Hill Road
Gilford, NH 03249
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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bringing the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Precious Lord"

by George Nelson Allen, arr. Stephen DeCesare

Performed by AJ Coppola, Alto Sax

*Call to Worship

Each new day is a gift.

Each new phase of life brings generous possibilities.

Each new question brings learning and growth.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

*Hymn of Praise

"God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

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Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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.

Choral Response (Old Hundredth)

**Rejoice in love we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere;
rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.**

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-12

Jody Saulnier

Anthem

“Dream Keeper”

by Rollo Dilworth, text by Lagnston Hughes

Performed by our Chancel Choir

Children’s Time

Special Music

Will Gunn, Piano Solo

Morning Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

“Be Now My Vision”

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Sermon

“Child’s Play”

***Hymn of Commitment**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

GCC Announcements:

- ❖ Today's Coffee Hour will be hosted by our Facilities Committee.
- ❖ Reiki-Today at 11:30 am in the Gathering Room
- ❖ Wednesday, January 22nd, 9 am-12 pm GYC Mobile Meals
- ❖ Thursday, January 23rd, 10:45-11:45 am Book Study Group
6-7 pm Choir Rehearsal
- ❖ The GCC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th at 11 am

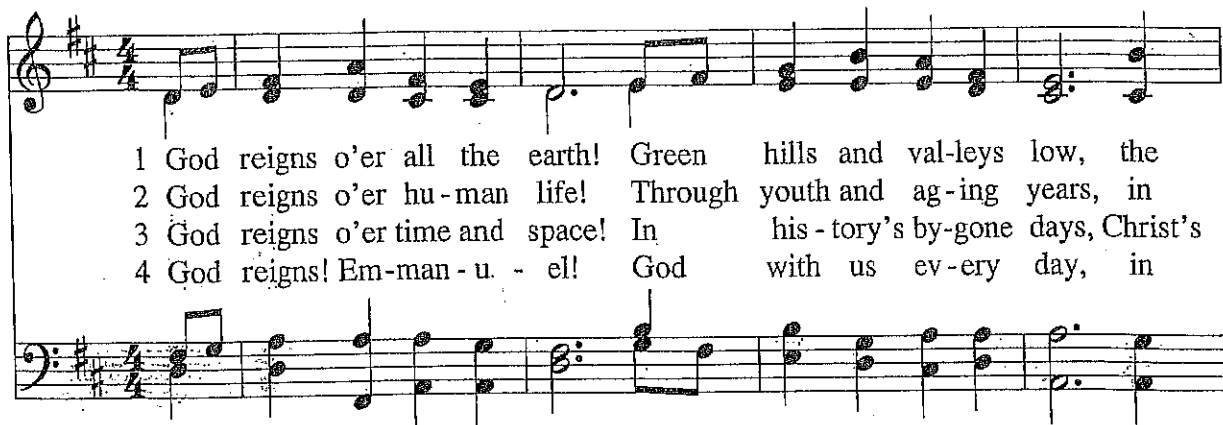
The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

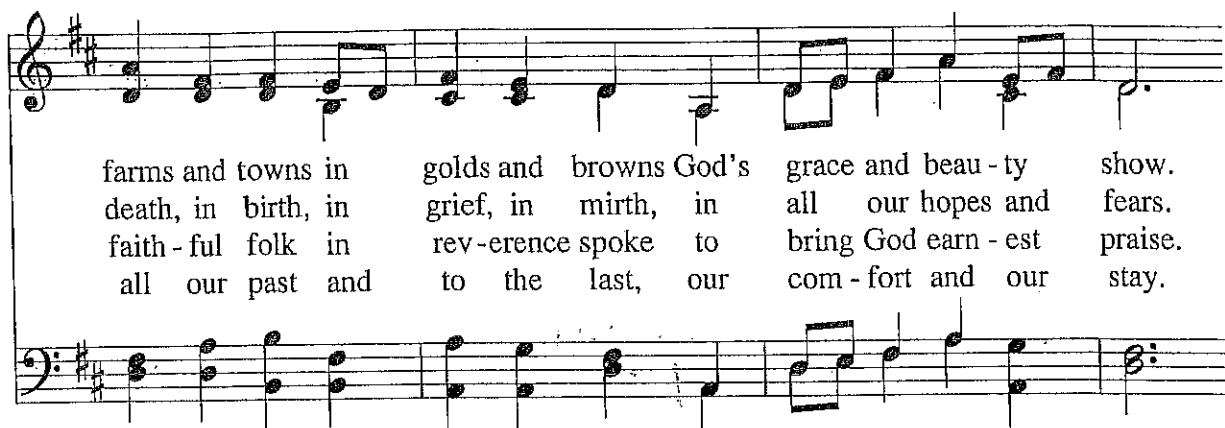
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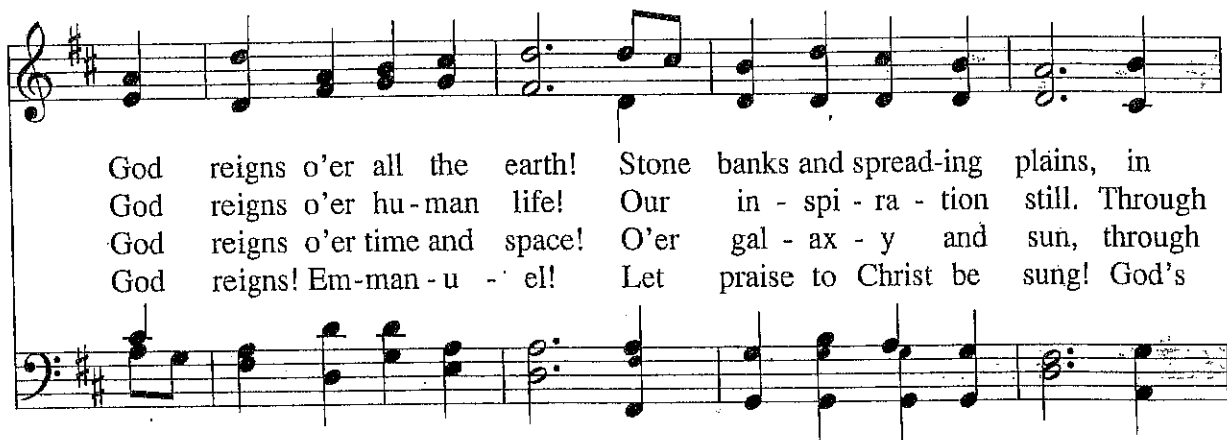
God Reigns o'er All the Earth



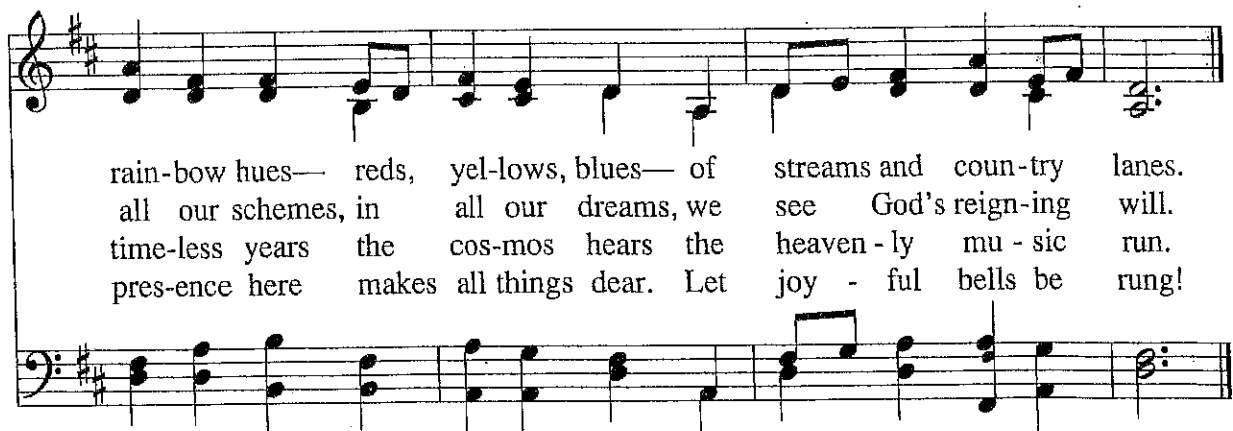
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! God with us ev-ery day, in



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.



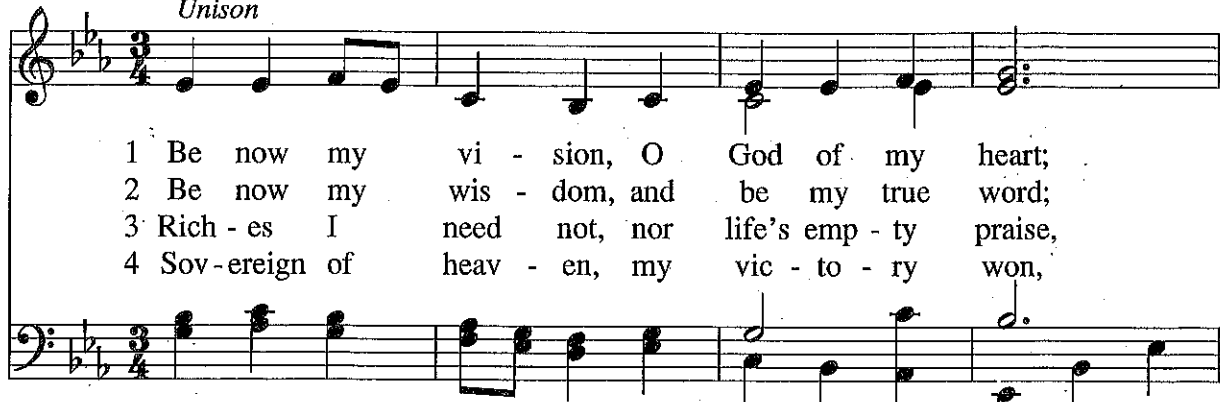
God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still. Through
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun, through
God reigns! Em-man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



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!

Be Now My Vision

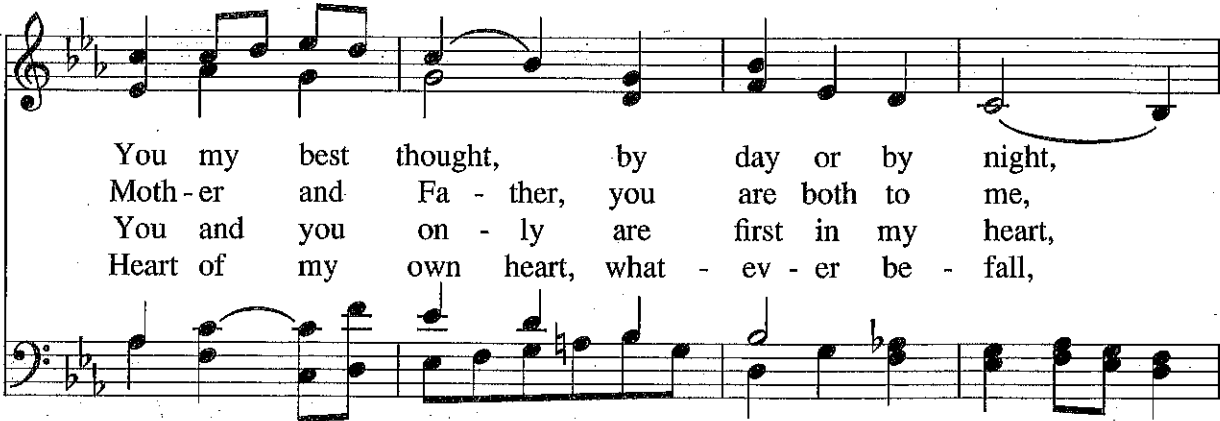
Unison



1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

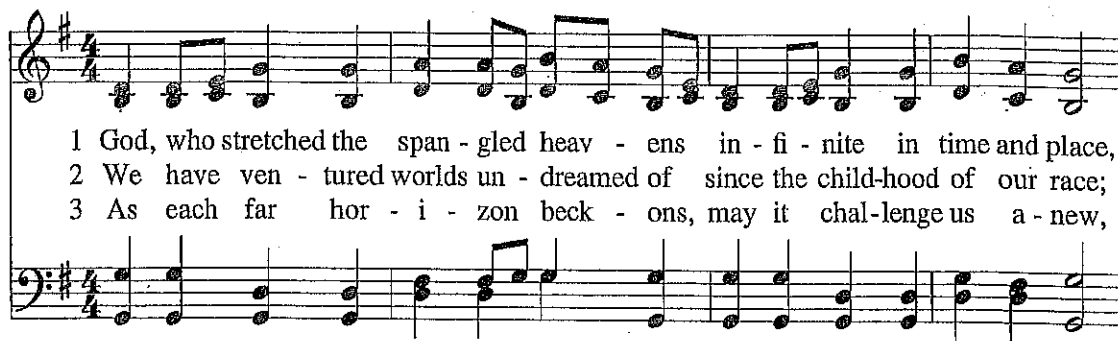


You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

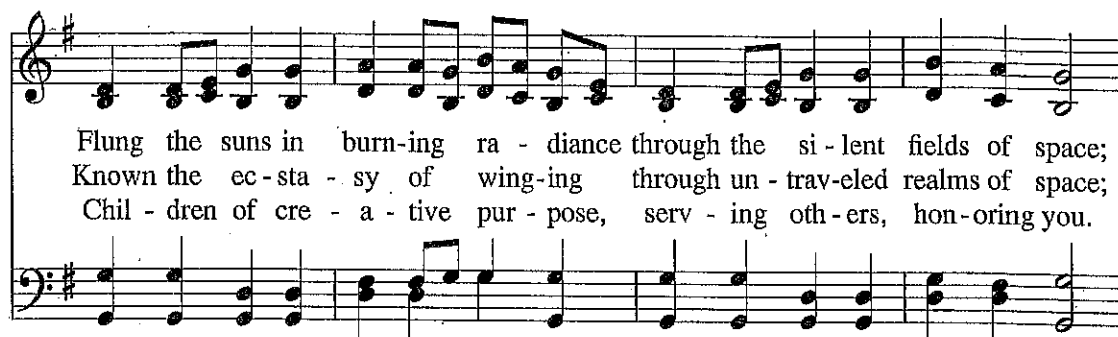


wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

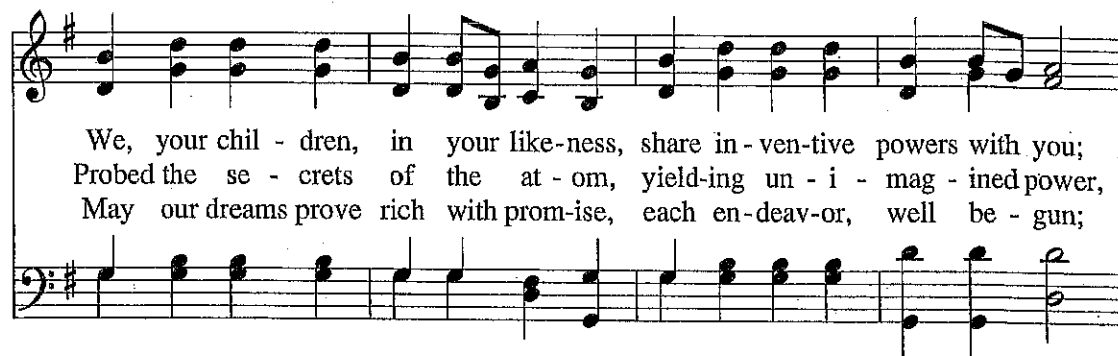
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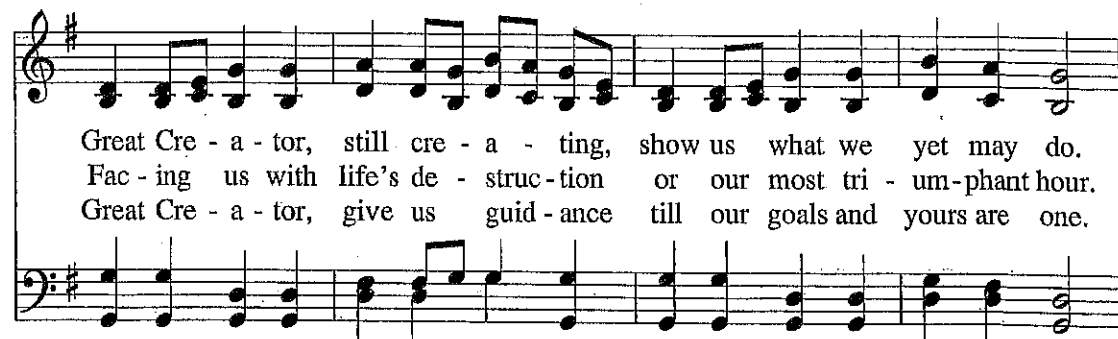
1 God, who stretched the span-gled heav-ens in-fi-nite in time and place,
2 We have ven-tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far hor-i-zon beck-ons, may it chal-lenge us a-new,



Flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si-lent fields of space;
Known the ec-sta-sy of wing-ing through un-trav-eled realms of space;
Chil-dren of cre-a-tive pur-pose, serv-ing oth-ers, hon-oring you.



We, your chil-dren, in your like-ness, share in-ven-tive powers with you;
Probed the se-crets of the at-om, yield-ing un-i-mag-ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or, well be-gun;



Great Cre-a-tor, still cre-a-ting, show us what we yet may do.
Fac-ing us with life's de-struction or our most tri-um-phant hour.
Great Cre-a-tor, give us guid-ance till our goals and yours are one.