

August 7, 2022

The Gilford Community Church

The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor

Scott Hodsdon, Director of Youth and Family Programs

Carolyn Ames, Music Director/Organist

AJ Coppola, Choir Director

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 Bring the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Song without Words, Op. 19, No. 1" by Felix Mendelssohn
Performed by Martha Harris Dolben

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.

***Hymn** "God Reigns O'er All the Earth" #21
Scripture Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 May Stewart
Music "When I am Back On My Feet Again"
by Diane Warren
Performed by Stacey Pate

Children's Time

Music "Sonata No. 4, E Major" by Domenico Scarlatti
Performed by Martha Harris Dolben

Prayer

***Hymn** "Faith of the Martyrs" #381

Sermon "What Do You Do?"

Communion Everyone is welcome to join us for Communion
(The bread placed in the communion cups is
gluten free)

***Hymn** "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" #411

***Benediction**


Martha Harris Dolben is the daughter of Barbara and Pete Harris. She grew up in Gilford as a member of Gilford Community Church. Martha is an educator, poet, and co-founder of The Guesswork Partners Women's Studio, Concord, MA. She is Chair of the African Food and Peace Foundation, partnering with innovative Ugandan leaders in their education and development work in rural Uganda. She extends her deep thanks to Gilford Community Church for its generous support of the URDT Girls School and African Rural University for Women in Kagadi, Uganda. She is very grateful for the chance to play the piano in this worship service.

Stacey Pate was born and raised in Gilford and with a short 10-year hiatus in Atlanta, has spent most of her life here. She returned to Gilford in 1993 with her son Clayton and has stayed here ever since. She loved her time down south but was glad to come back to her family and her roots. She has been singing since joining chorus in the 5th grade and participated in every theatrical production available, (lead by Faith Rupert) in high school, and enjoys performing for the GCC congregation. She appreciates them not booing her off the stage 😊. She picks her solos for the words instead of just the music and hopes that they speak to others also. She is very grateful to Carolyn who accompanies her and has guided her through the years here at GCC.



God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981



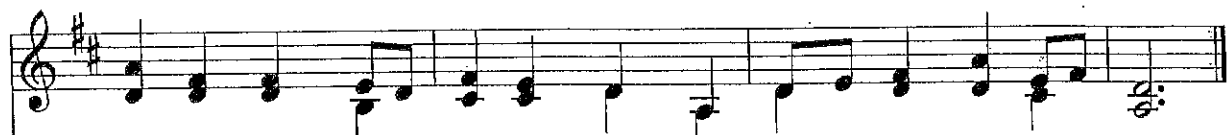

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! God with us ev-ery day, in




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!



Faith of the Martyrs

381

Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt.

1 Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing still in spite of
 2 Mar - tyrs con - fined in pris - ons bleak were still in
 3 Faith of the mar - tyrs! We will love both friend and
 4 Faith of the mar - tyrs! Faith and prayer shall long out -

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with
 heart and con - science free; and no less blessed will be our
 foe in peace or strife; and sow the seeds of hope and
 live sin's ty - ran - ny; and through the truth that comes from

joy, when we re - call their faith's re - ward:
 fate if we, like them, live faith - ful - ly:
 faith by strength - ening word and fear - less life:
 God all hu - man - kind shall then be free:

Refrain

Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing faith! We would be true in life and death.

The Greek term martures is translated in the New Testament as "witness" and forms the basis for the English word "martyr." The hymn was written as a call for the return of the Church of England to the Roman Catholic church, and "our fathers . . ." in the original text referred to those faithful to Rome who had suffered martyrdom.

Tune: ST. CATHERINE L.M. with refrain
 Henri F. Hemy, 1864
 Adapt. James G. Walton, 1874

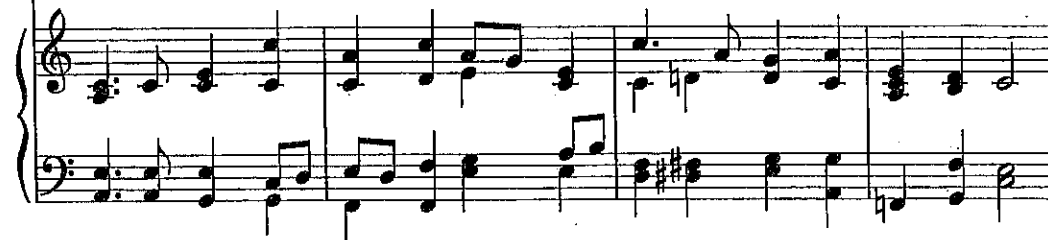
Praise the Source of Faith and Learning



1 Praise the Source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and stoked the mind
2 God of wis - dom, we ac-knowl-edge that our sci - ence and our art
3 May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing that our thought
4 As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each oth - er's un - der - tow



with a pas - sion for dis - cern - ing how the world has been de - signed,
and the breadth of hu - man knowl - edge on - ly par - tial truth im - part.
has dis - placed the grounds for won - der which the an - cient proph - ets taught.
till con - verg - ing they de - liv - er one co - her - ent stead - y flow,



Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the won - ders we sur - vey
Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a depth we can - not sound
May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un - think - ing faith can breed
Blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they carve a sin - gle course,



keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing and re - new our need to pray:
where your pur - pose for cre - a - tion and the pulse of life are found.
lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror with an an - ti - quat - ed creed.
till they join as one, re - tum - ing praise and thanks to you, their Source.

