

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**January 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Year A**

*Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING MUSIC**

"Andante"  
Mary Temple, organ

by Camille Saint-Saëns  
arr. by Rick Parks

**OPENING SCRIPTURE**

*John 15:15, Colossians 1:10, John 15:8, Matthew 7:17-20, Galatians 5:22-25*

Leader: Jesus said, "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."

**People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of love, joy and peace.**

Leader: Walk with the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work.

**People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of patience, kindness, and generosity.**

Leader: In this is the Almighty glorified, that you bear fruit in discipleship.

**People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

Leader: Every healthy tree bears good fruit...you will recognize them by their fruits.

**People: As we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the fruitfulness of Spirit.**

**\*PUPRLE HYMNAL #435**

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.**

**And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,**

**and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER, UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**From our sins, mistakes, and unrepentance, God of forgiveness, deliver us.**

**From our quarreling, anger and arrogance, God of humility, deliver us.**

**From our division, segregation and apartheid, God of love, deliver us.**

**From our violence, hatred and rage, God of peace, deliver us.**

**From our greed, selfishness and unkindness, God of grace, deliver us.**

**From our despair, apathy and cynicism, God of hope, deliver us.**

**From our fear, faithlessness, and anxiety, God of strength, deliver us.**

**God, you are our All in All. Bring us into the Light. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER, ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



**PASTORAL PRAYER, 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Rescue the Perishing"  
Gilead Singers**

text by Fanny Crosby  
melody by William H. Doane

**DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*BLUE HYMNAL #412**

**"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"  
(see the back page)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Mary Temple, organ**

by Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. by Don Hustad

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Thank you to videographer Stephanie Gould and Lay Reader Cindy Kosacz.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

▶ Join us Wednesdays on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 7:30 p.m. for Bible Study. The link is in the weekly email.

▶ The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be February 26 after worship.

▶ Today, Sunday January 22, Gilead Singers rehearse at 9:15. On January 29, Bells rehearse at 8:45, Singers at 9:15.

† *We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://www.gileadchurch.org), or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts.*

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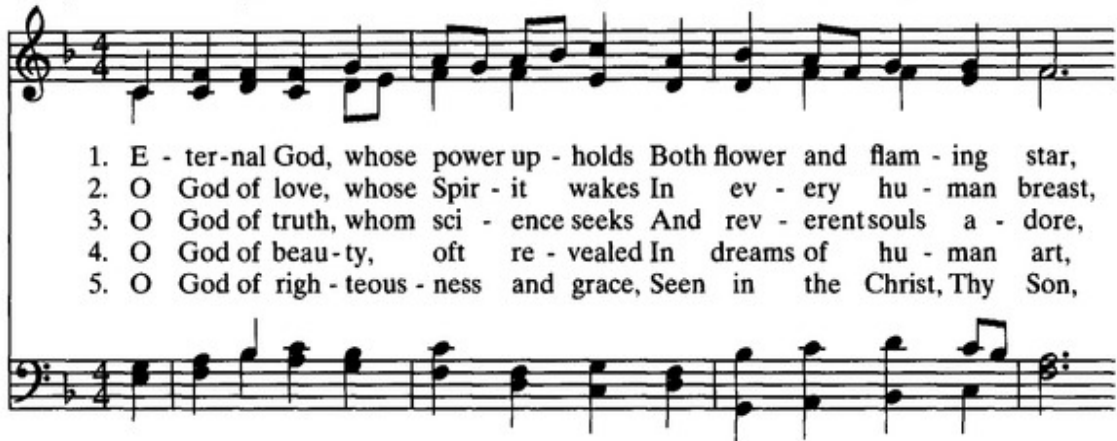


# 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

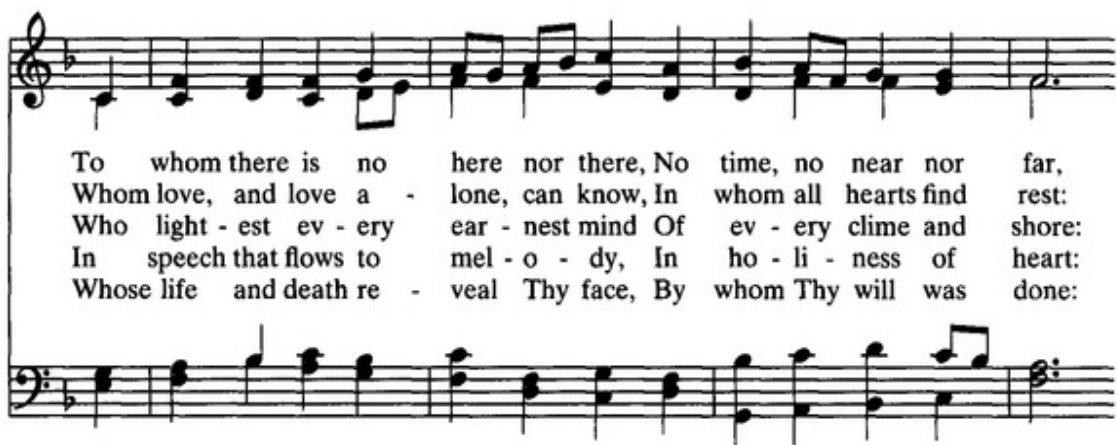
FOREST GREEN CMD

Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1929

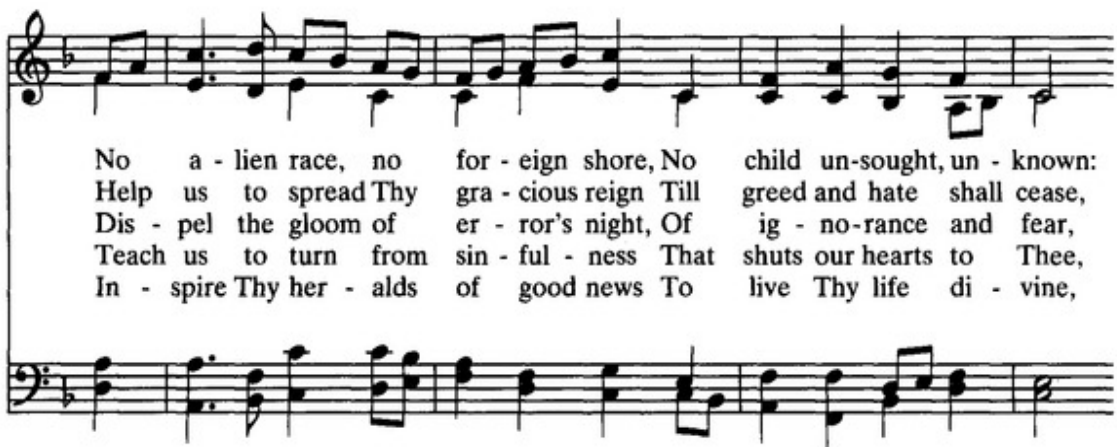
English folk melody  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. E - ter - nal God, whose power up - holds Both flower and flam - ing star,  
2. O God of love, whose Spir - it wakes In ev - ery hu - man breast,  
3. O God of truth, whom sci - ence seeks And rev - erent souls a - dore,  
4. O God of beau - ty, oft re - vealed In dreams of hu - man art,  
5. O God of righ - teous - ness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,



To whom there is no here nor there, No time, no near nor far,  
Whom love, and love a - lone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest:  
Who light - est ev - ery ear - nest mind Of ev - ery clime and shore:  
In speech that flows to mel - o - dy, In ho - li - ness of heart:  
Whose life and death re - veal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:



No a - lien race, no for - eign shore, No child un - sought, un - known:  
Help us to spread Thy gra - cious reign Till greed and hate shall cease,  
Dis - pel the gloom of er - ror's night, Of ig - no - rance and fear,  
Teach us to turn from sin - ful - ness That shuts our hearts to Thee,  
In - spire Thy her - alds of good news To live Thy life di - vine,

## FORGIVENESS

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

# 107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is  
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and  
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and  
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by  
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the  
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break  
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens  
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der  
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be  
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.  
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.