

# *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

## *January 23, 2022*

10:00 A.M.

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*(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)*

Prelude                    *O God Beyond All Praising* – by Gustav Holst  
                                  *“O God all praising, we worship you today,  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.”*

Welcome and Informal Moments

Musical Introit                    *Ariso* – by Noel Rawsthorne

\*Call to Worship

One: This day is holy to the Lord your God.

**Many: Let us come ready to see, hear, and touch the Word of God.**

One: Do not mourn or weep, and do not be grieved.

**Many: How can we be sad when we can experience God’s Word  
and know God’s love through our worship together?**

**All: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us come together to  
worship the God of joy, strength, and love.**

Gathering Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

No. 258

**Unison Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

**O God, who gives us strength when we feel weak, we gather to hear your Word, sing your songs, and give you praise. We know that you are always with us, and we are grateful. Help us to live our lives in ways that show you are near. Thank you for your presence and constant care for us — in worship, and in each day of our lives. This we pray in name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying, 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.**

Assurance of Grace

Musical Offering      *Nearer my God to Thee*— arr. Heather Sorenson

Scripture                      Luke 4:14-21                      Becky Lenz, reader

\*Hymn                      *Forward Through the Ages*                      No. 482

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Musical Prayer Response      *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Offering Invitation                                      Rev. Oscar Wallace

\*Doxology    No. 44

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Dedication

**O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved. Amen.**

Scripture                      I Corinthians 12: 12-31                      Rev. Oscar Wallace

Meditation    Rev. Oscar Wallace

\*Parting Hymn                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      No. 477

\*Benediction

\*Sung Benediction            *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude                    *Trumpet in Tune in F Major – by David German*



*\*All who are able may stand.*

**Organist: Joel Pierce**  
**Office Administrator: Janet Leonard**  
**Sexton: Mary McKinney**

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**Those Serving You Today**  
**Bell Ringer: Brad Adler**  
**Ushers: Martha Speed & Anne Harris**

**Coming Up This Week:**

Sunday, Jan. 23: Worship 10am

Wednesday, Jan. 26: Organ Society Meeting, 9:30am

Sunday, Jan. 30: Worship 10am

**Sunday, Jan. 30: Annual Meeting following Worship**

**Announcements**

**Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 30, following worship**

You can join our annual meeting either in person or by Zoom. We must have a quorum to conduct business!

**Supporting the Ministry of our Church**

Thank you for your continued support in sustaining our ministries! Offerings can be mailed to the church at: First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you!

**Sign-Up Online to Support our Worship Experience—Read Scripture, or Usher!**

If you know you will be here on a Sunday, please sign up to usher, read scripture, or provide flowers for our worship. You can sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aea82aa3f8ce9-church> or by calling the church office at 207-882-7544

## **In-Person Worship Protocol**

- Capacity limits are lifted. Please seat yourselves in a pew with hymnals.
- Since Lincoln County is in the “High” category, please mask up indoors whether you are vaccinated or not.
- Hand sanitizer and extra masks are available at the entrance for use.
- Congregational singing is allowed **with masks on**.
- There will be no microphone passing for announcements or prayer requests. Prayers should be emailed to the church at [fccw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fccw@myfairpoint.net) by 8:00am Sunday morning or entered in the prayer book as you arrive.
- Offerings may be left in the plate by the door as you enter or they may be mailed to the church office. They will be brought forward in the service and blessed.
- Please note that when the prelude begins, livestreaming also begins! Be mindful of loud conversations held in the back of the sanctuary which can be picked up by our microphones. Thank you!

*Your observance of these protocols will help us provide the safest possible in-person worship experience at this time. The Church Council will continue to evaluate and take additional steps as we are able.*

# Morning Has Broken

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1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black - bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 of the wet gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

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Eleanor Farjeon, English Catholic author and poet, wrote this hymn at the request of Percy Dearmer, editor of the 1931 hymnbook *Enlarged Songs of Praise*.

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## Forward Through the Ages

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
 2. Wid - er grows the ho - ly realm, reign of love and light;  
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.  
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.  
 in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,  
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.  
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.  
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

*Refrain*

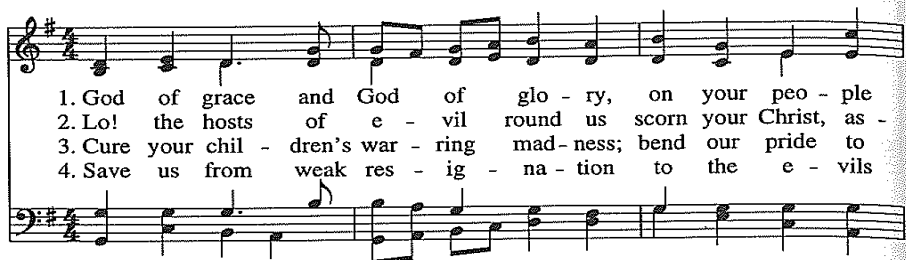
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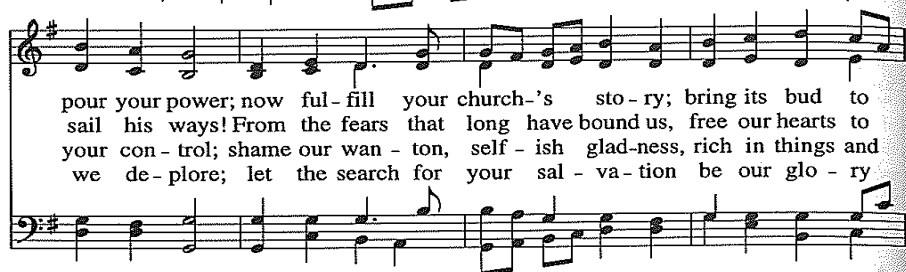
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## God of Grace and God of Glory



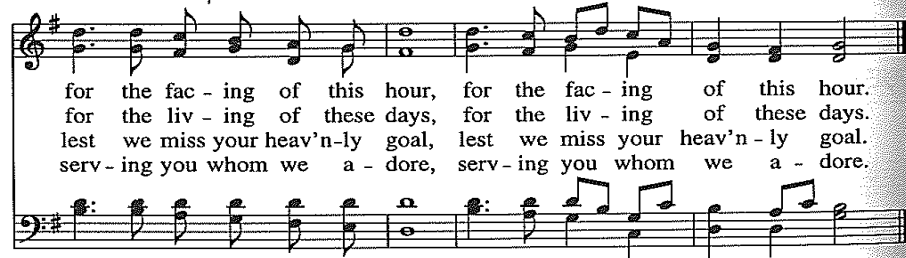
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; now ful - fill your church-'s sto - ry; bring its bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry



glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal, lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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'Positive thinker' Fosdick wrote this hymn for the dedication of  
 Riverside Church, New York City, of which he was the minister.

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