

**Welcome to Samuel UCC**  
**No matter where you are on life's journey,**  
**YOU**  
**are welcome here!**

- We are **REQUIRING** everyone wear a facemask. (*Children 3 years and younger would be exempt from the mask requirement.*)
- You may move about and greet one another during “The Passing of the Peace.” As always, be respectful of other’s comfort levels regarding touching.
- The offering plate will be at each entrance to the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing of hymns is permitted for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- At this time, we will not be having a formal indoor fellowship time after church, but you are invited to talk with each other after worship in the sanctuary or outside.
- Children are invited to stay in service for Children’s Time (called “*A Story for All Ages*”) and then join Sunday School.
- Children aged 3 and under are welcome to join our staffed and vaccinated Nursery in the fellowship hall.

**Ways you can**  
**SERVE**

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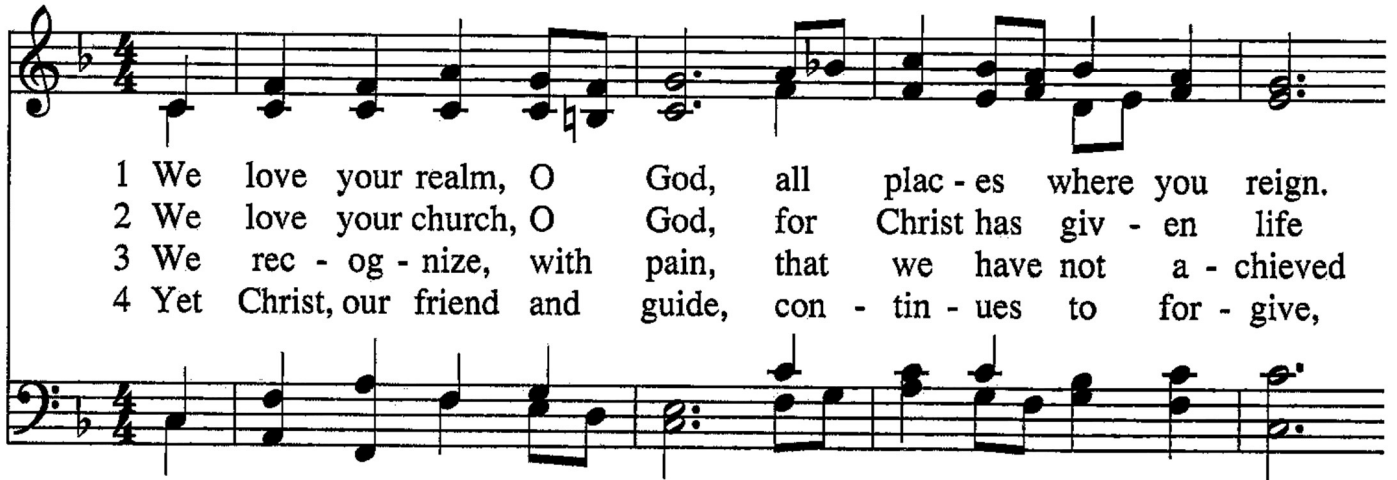


# We Love Your Realm, O God

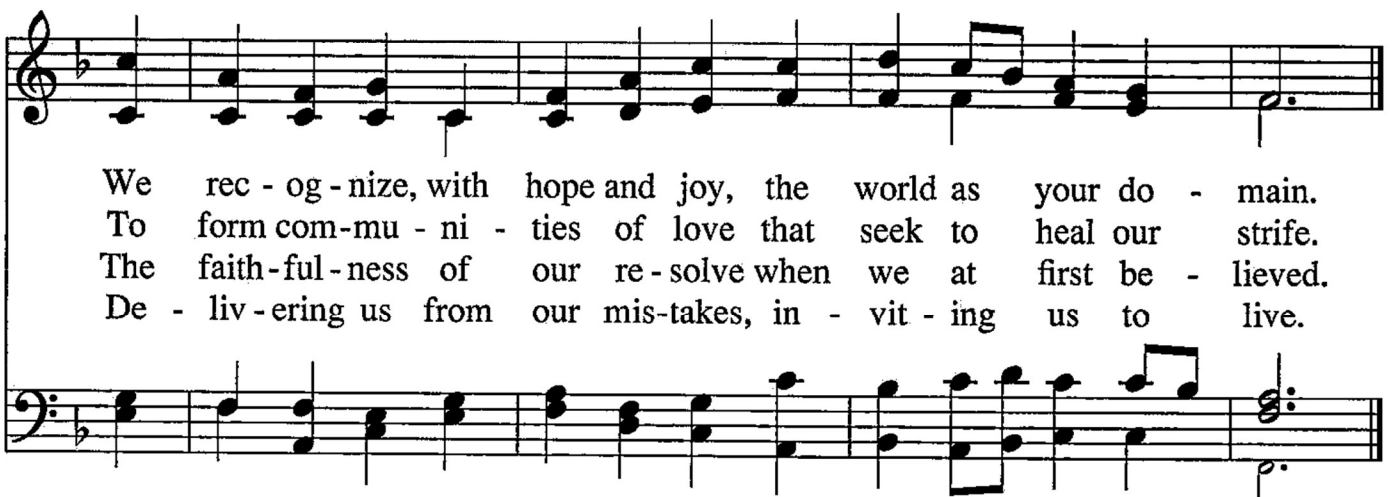
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Timothy Dwight, 1801  
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all plac - es where you reign.  
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has giv - en life  
3 We rec - og - nize, with pain, that we have not a - chieved  
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, con - tin - ues to for - give,



We rec - og - nize, with hope and joy, the world as your do - main.  
To form com - mu - ni - ties of love that seek to heal our strife.  
The faith - ful - ness of our re - solve when we at first be - lieved.  
De - liv - ering us from our mis - takes, in - vit - ing us to live.

5 Be - yond our bro - ken - ness,  
we seek to know your ways  
Of deep com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows,  
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.  
We trust your reign is sure.  
E - quip us for those dai - ly tasks  
that help your world en - dure.

*This poem by Lavon Bayler, a United Church of Christ minister, was inspired by and modeled after the oldest commonly used American hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom" by Timothy Dwight.*

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.  
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

## **\*A Prayer of Transformation**

*(Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit)*

One: Let us pray...

**All: We praise you, O God, for the gift of creation and the surprise of re-creation. Open our eyes to see new things. Open our minds to think fresh thoughts. Open our communities to welcome new partners. Open our spirits to follow your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn Response:**        *"We Love Your Realm O God" (Vs 6)*

**We know your truth will last. We trust your reign is sure.  
Equip us for those daily tasks That help your world endure.**

## **The Passing of the Peace**

*If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, we invite you to wave your hands to those around you. You may also want to unmute yourself and greet one another with the "Peace of Christ be with you." For those who are in person, we invite you to greet one another, but be attentive to those who may not want to shake hands. If someone waves that is a cue for a wave back.*

## **\*The Response**

*"Halleluja"*

*#236 NCH (black)*

**Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja.**

**Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle-lu-ja, Halle-lu-ja.**

## **A Story for the Ages - Romans 12:9-21 NRSV**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Response** *“Easter People” (St. 1) # 304 UMH (purple)*

**Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;  
heavenly music let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.**



**The Message** – *Christ Trousdale, Student Pastor*

**Special Music**

*“Amazing Grace”*

*Hale Schroer*

**Farwell to Our Student Pastor** – *Chris Trousdale*

**Prayers of the People**

**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, for ever. Amen.”

**\*Closing Hymn:**

*“O For a World”*

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**The Challenge and Blessing**

**\*The Postlude**

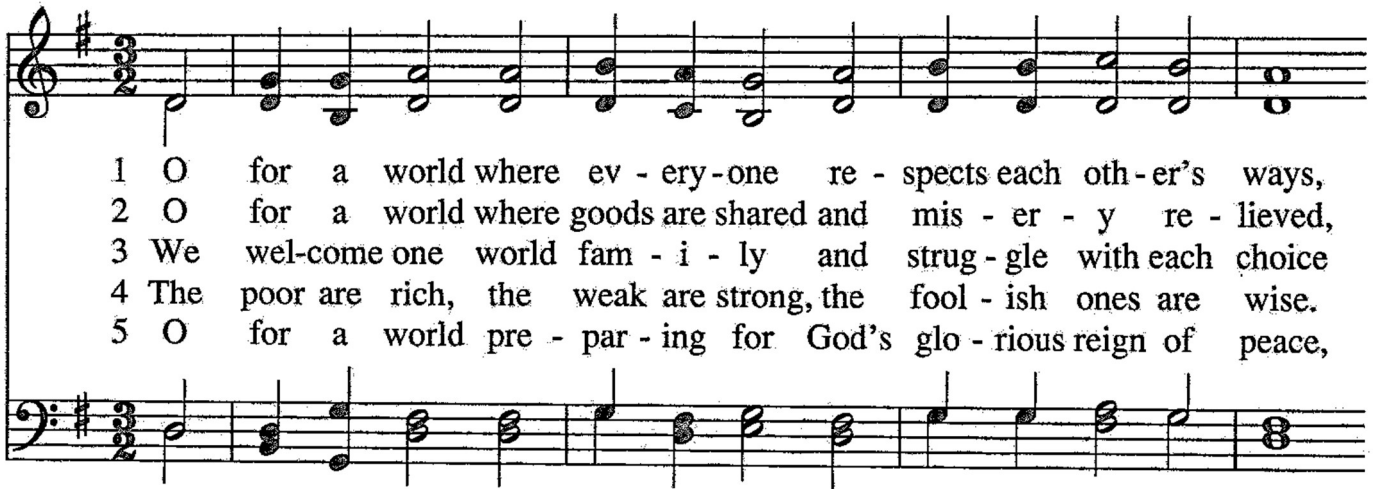
*“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*  
*by Peter Scholtes, arranged by Mark Hayes*

# O for a World

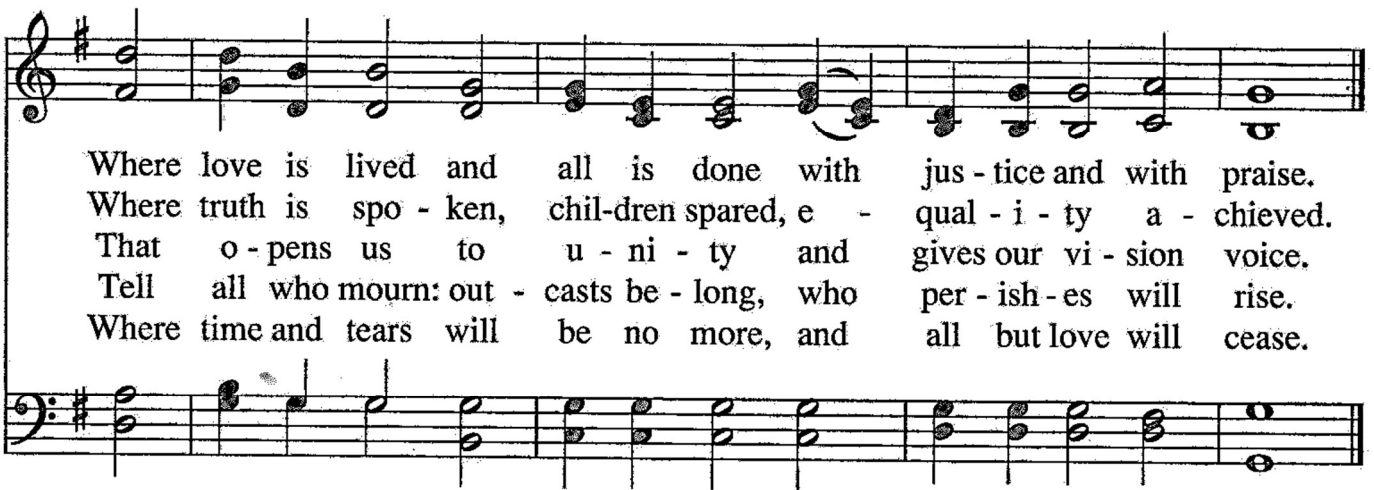
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839



**Liturgist:** Doni Driemeier-Showers

**Music Leader:** Penny Chou

**Altar Flowers are placed by** Linnie Morgan.

**The flower planters by the front entrance** are planted in honor of Hale & Ann Schroer.

**Fellowship Time is hosted by** Betty & Keith Karau in honor the Schroer's.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fellowship Time and Dedication of the New Kitchenette TODAY**

Please join us after service in the Ziercher Room for a time of Fellowship. Say "Hello" to Ann & Hale Schroer, who have traveled down from Minnesota and see the new kitchenette. The kitchenette is being dedicated today in memory of Terry Atherton, Richard Moore, and Magda Nemes – all of whom loved fellowship time and made us all feel welcome.

### **Graduates of 2022**

Please let us know of anyone who is graduating this spring – from school, college, or program. We will share a list of all graduates at the end of the month.

## **HELP! Volunteers Needed for Sundays!**

We need your help. Since the pandemic, we have all gotten out of our old routines – sometimes this is a good thing, other times it presents challenges. One of the ways this presents a challenge is the number of people we need each Sunday to make our services meaningful and smooth. There are many ways you can serve – by being a Liturgist, Usher, Hymn Leader, play Special Music, sponsor Alter Flowers, lead Sunday School, or prepare Communion. You can sign up on the Connections Clipboard where you will find a detailed description of each role or you can scan the QR code at the front of the bulletin to be taken directly to the online sign ups. We can't do this alone – we need you!

## **Children and Youth Minister Search Committee – Job Posted**

If you know of anyone interested, please contact someone from the Search Committee: Susan Craig, Leslie French, Pastor Jeff, Christine Kryswaty, Danielle Lindsey, and Alex Miller.

## **Looking Ahead**

Here are some important upcoming dates:

May 20: Youth Lock In

May 22: Service, and Celebration of Melissa Harlow's Ministry

May 29: Confirmation and Melissa's Last Day

May 30: Memorial Day

June 5: Pentecost / Communion / Food Collection

June 19: Father's Day / Juneteenth

## **Director of Music Search Committee**

The Committee has been formed and we are working on updating the job description. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this part-time position please contact a committee member: Deni Bouillon, Penny Chou, Scott Driemeier-Showers, Keith Karau, or Pastor Jeff.

## **Summer Children's Helpers Needed!**

With just a few weeks of Sunday School left and the job search continuing for a new Children, Youth, and Missions Director, we wanted to make sure something was in place for the Samuel children this summer. We will be offering one class with two adults: Leslie French and a volunteer. If you haven't helped here before, that is ok! Summer Sundays are easy and fun! We will not have a summer curriculum, so feel free to bring an activity for the kids if you like or you can just spend the time hanging out! Youth volunteers are welcome as needed and as they express interest, but do not need to sign up.

Thank you to Leslie who will be our go to person for these Summer Sundays. Please sign up by May 25th, knowing you can swap later if needed. Thank you so much! Scan the QR Code or sign up on the Connections Clipboard.