

Waterford Congregational Church

Hymns for July 4th, 2021

"See you soon!"

WE GATHER TOGETHER

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make
known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from
distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were
winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us
free!

Words by Anon. 1625,

Translated by Theodore Baker, c.1900

Music: 17th C., Dutch, Arr. Eduard Kremser, 1877

GOD IS HERE

1 God is here! As we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of his Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

Words by Fred Pratt Green, 1977

Music by Cyril Taylor, 1941

George Wiese, organist

1899 Mason & Hamlin Style 532 "Liszt" Organ