Waterford Congregational Church Hymns: May 16, 2021 Inspired by John 17:6-19

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

1 Holy God, we praise thy name. God of all, we bow before thee. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

3 Lo! the apostolic train join thy sacred name to hallow. Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and, from morn till set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Words attributed to Ignace Franz (1719-1790), Translated by Clarence Walworth (1820-1900) Music from the Common Catholic Hymnbook, Vienna, 1774

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,

For you are Lord of lords alone; Defend your holy Church that we May sing your praise triumphantly.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Words by Martin Luther, 1542; Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863 Music from Joseph Klug's "Sacred Songs," Wittenberg, 1535

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

4 When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Words by John Fawcett, 1782 Music by Hans Nageli (1773-1836), arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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