

♪HYMN LYRICS: ♪

♪ Hymns for October 25th, 2020 ♪ ♪~Matthew 22:34-46 ~♪

♪Hymn 1

HYMN 116

Thus saith the first, the great command,
"Let all thy inward powers unite
To love thy Maker and thy God
With utmost vigor and delight.

"Then shall thy neighbor next in place
Share thine affections and esteem,
And let thy kindness to thyself
Measure and rule thy love to him."

This is the sense that Moses spoke,
This did the prophets preach and prove;
For want of this the law is broke,
And the whole law's fulfilled by love.

*Words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551 (Source: Genevan Psalter,
"Old Hundreth")*

Footnote:

**"Hymn 116" by Isaac Watts has not appeared in a printed hymnal since the year 1876. For that reason, no specific Tune is known as commonly associated with the words. Many hymns with the metric (syllabic) structure of 8.8.8.8 fit the words, including the very familiar "Old Hundreth" (Doxology) Tune used in this recording.*

♪Hymn 2

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

3 Have you not bid us love you every way?
All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength, and
mind;
I see your cross - there teach my heart to stay:
O let me seek you, and O let me find.

*Words by George Croly, 1854
Music by Frederic C. Atkinson, 1870*

♪Hymn 3

FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

1 For the fruits of this creation,
thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

George Wiese, organist
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