

**Waterford Congregational Church – Hymns**

**February 21, 2021**

Psalm XXV

Message: "Our Guiding Light"

**LET THERE BE LIGHT, LORD GOD OF HOSTS**

Let there be light, Lord God of hosts!  
Let there be wisdom on the earth!  
Let broad humanity have birth!  
Let there be deeds, instead of boasts!

Give us the peace of senses clear  
to know our neighbors' good our own;  
To hope and suffer not alone,  
bonded in love that conquers fear!

*Words by William Morris Vories, 1908*

*Music by William Boyd, 1868*

**IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU**

If you but trust in God to guide you  
and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you  
to give you hope and strength within;  
for those who trust God's changeless love  
build on the rock that will not move.

*Words and music by Georg Neumark, 1641*

*(First Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1855)*

**GRANT US WISDOM TO PERCEIVE YOU**

Grant us wisdom to perceive You,  
hearts awakened to receive You,  
minds alert to thoughts that grieve You,  
God of mercy, hear us.

*Words by Rae Whitney, 1991*

*Music: 14<sup>th</sup> C. German carol; arr. Vaughan-Williams*

**HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE**

Holy Ghost, with light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine,  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Ghost, with joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.

*Words by Samuel Longfellow, 1864*

*Music by Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867; arr. E. Parker, 1888*

**TO GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST - Psalm 25: Part I**

To God, in whom I trust,  
I lift my heart and voice;  
O! Let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my foes rejoice.

Those, who on Thee rely,  
let no disgrace attend:  
Be that the shameful lot of such  
as willfully offend.

To me thy truth impart,  
and lead me in thy way:  
For thou art He that brings me help;  
on Thee I wait all day.

Thy mercies, and thy love,  
O Lord, recall to mind;  
And graciously continue still,  
as Thou wert ever, kind.

Let all my youthful crimes  
be blotted out by Thee;  
And for thy wond'rous goodness' sake,  
in mercy think on me.

His mercy, and his truth,  
the righteous Lord displays,  
In bringing wand'ring sinners home,  
and teaching them his ways.

He those in justice guides,  
who his direction seek;  
And in his sacred paths shall lead  
the humble and the meek.

Through all the ways of God  
both truth and mercy shine,  
To such as with religious hearts  
to His blest will incline.

*Words Adapted by Tate & Brady, 1760*

*Music by William Daman, 1579 (stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6)*

*Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1543 (stanzas 3, 4, 7, 8)*

*(Tunes used: "Southwell," and "St. Michael")*

*George Wiese, organist*

*1906 Mason & Hamlin Style 559 American Harmonium*