

Hymns for January 31, 2021

Waterford Congregational Church

SILENCE, FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT

1 "Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit!"
cried God's healing Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it;
flee as night before the sun."
At Christ's words the demon trembled,
from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled
stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

3 Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit
in our mind and in our heart;
speak your word that when we hear it,
all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling;
still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing
make us faithful, true, and whole.

Words by Thomas H. Troeger, 1984
TUNE: JEFFERSON – Music from Johnson's 1818 Tennessee
Harmony (last verse harmony by John Ferguson, 1973)

HOLY GHOST, DISPELL OUR SADNESS

1 Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;
pierce the clouds of nature's night;
come, O Source of joy and gladness,
breathe your life, and spread your light.
From the height that knows no measure,
as a gracious shower descend,
bringing down the richest treasure
we can wish, or God can send.

3 Author of the new creation,
come, anoint us with your power.
Make our hearts your habitation;
with your grace our spirits shower.
Hear, O hear our supplication,
blessed Spirit, God of peace!
Rest upon this congregation
with the fullness of your grace.

Words by Paul Gerhardt (17th Century); Trans. J.C. Jacobi
1725, Adapt. A. Toplady, 1776)
TUNE: "SCARLET RIBBONS," English Folk Song; Arr. John Bell,
1990; Adapt. G. Wiese

GOD OUR AUTHOR AND CREATOR

1 God our Author and Creator,
in whose life we find our own,
make our daily witness greater,
by our lives make your love known.
Help us show how love embraces
those whom fear and greed down-trod;
in all yearning hearts and faces
let us see a child of God.

2 Like those first apostles, Savior,
give us strength to love and serve:
When our fainting spirits waver,
fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
Teach us wisdom and compassion:
bid our restless thoughts be still;
by your guidance help us fashion
lives conformed unto your will.

Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985
TUNE: GALILEAN – Music by Joseph Barnby (1838-96)

George Wiese, organist
1906 Mason and Hamlin Style 559 American Harmonium

From George:
Cold temperatures got you stuck inside this week?
These hymns are interchangeable with each other's
tunes, so if you listen a second or third time, you
can "mix and match" by singing any verse of words
to any verse of music!