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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

From the Inside Out

by Houston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, and worship God with innocent and open hearts.

People: We come to this place seeking God's inspiration and desiring God's word for our lives.

Leader: Lay down your burdens at the door, free yourselves of all that holds you back from fully receiving what God has to say to you this day.

People: We come as empty vessels, waiting to be filled by God's word.

Leader: Be transformed in your worship and be shaped by the Spirit's creative power.

ALL: God of all creation, join us in our learning, inspire us in our doing, and delight with us in the joy of our worship!

(10:30 AM) Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders and Incoming Confirmands

Third Graders: Jacob Gerrick, Alexander Kollasch, Christian Michael Maletz, Gabriel McCright, Samuel Alan Neff, Harlan Jesse Wagaman

Incoming Confirmands: Joseph P. Bevivino III, Layla Beyer, Hunter D. King, Rachel Mulligan, Ellery Teal Wagaman

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 359** (black hymnal)

O God Who Teaches Us to Live

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, too often we take you for granted. Too often we ignore your teaching, or we are too distracted to hear your whispering voice. We become complacent as our focus falls upon our own comfort and not the building of your kingdom. Our security, and the routines that bring structure to our lives become our idols. We give up on learning about your vision as we become more confident in our own answers to the problems of this world. Forgive us God. Help us to move from complacency to curiosity and wonder. Help us to focus less upon our own kingdoms, and to focus more intently on your kingdom. Inspire us to join in your kingdom building work by teaching us your ways. Reveal your vision to us and let us be faithful students of you and your works. Help us to hear your word, and to live in your Spirit, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 42 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ALL SING: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given by all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Matthew 18:15-20

HYMN NO. 465 (black hymnal)

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Love One Another* by Schram

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Wherever You Go* by Brickman

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 28 (black hymnal, v. 4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

ALL SING: For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, for a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 81** (black hymnal) *God Be With You*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Be of Good Courage* by Telemann

NOTES

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my mother, Jill, and my brother, Jameson, on their birthdays by Travis Pinci.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my sister, Mary Angela, and my Grandma, Jean, on their birthdays by Travis Pinci.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Kathy and Patrick Sweeney's 35th Wedding Anniversary by the family.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Charlie and Joann Test; Nancy and Jeff Sleeper

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carrah, Ellery, Weston, and Harlan Wagaman

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

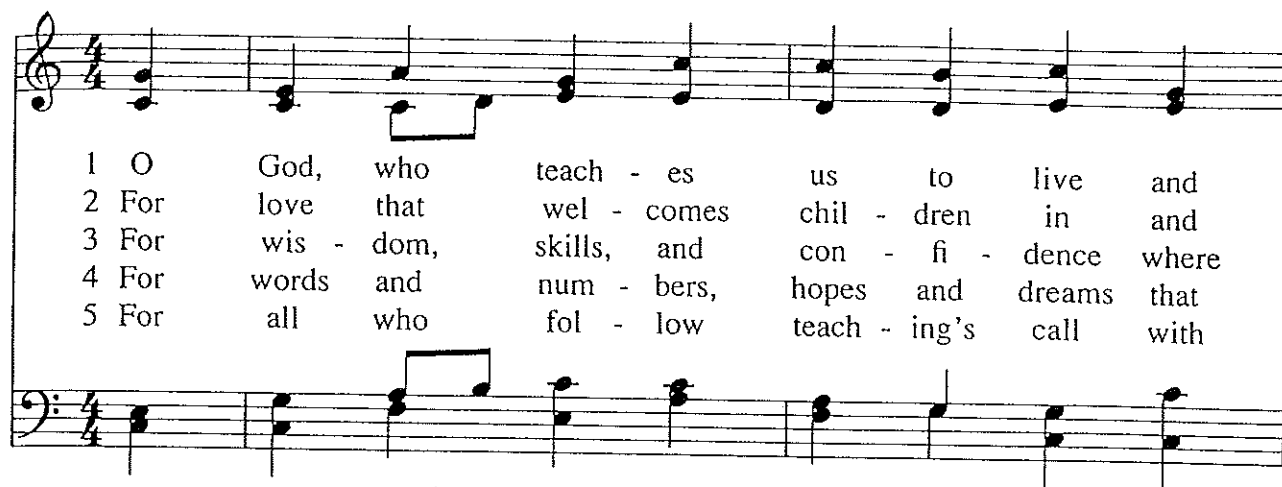
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

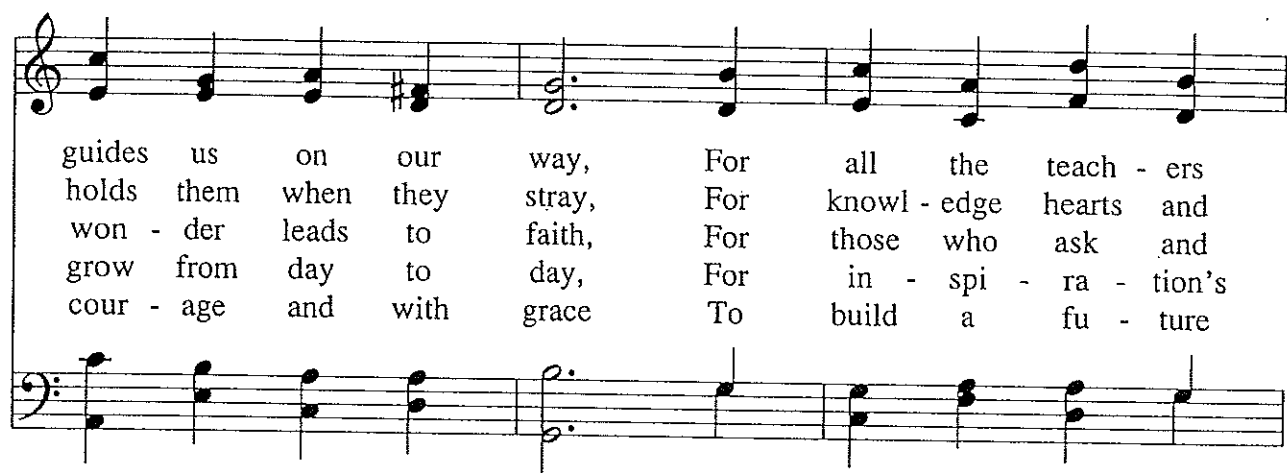
O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

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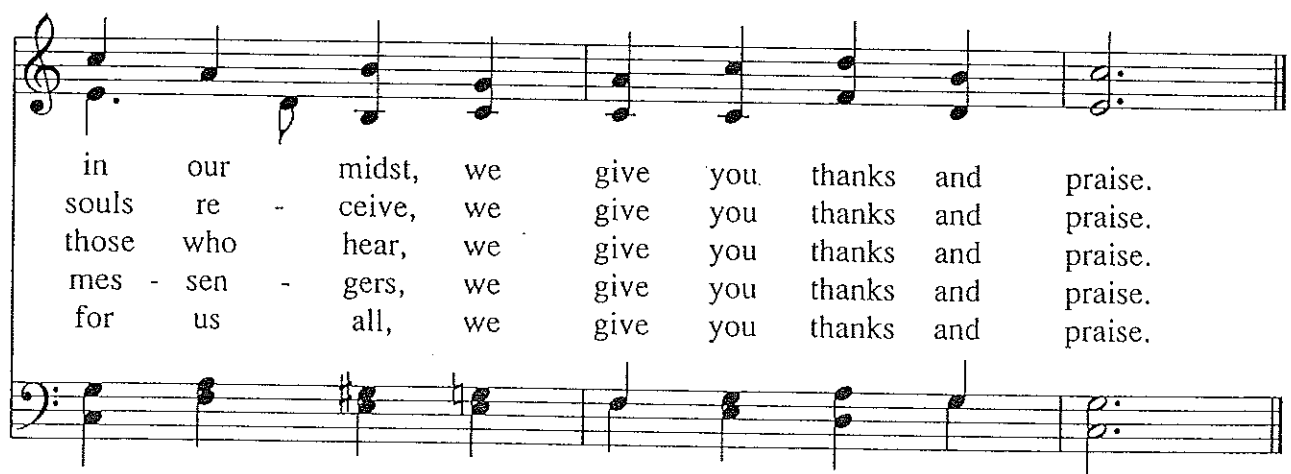
Tom Hunter, 1992



1 O God, who teach - es us to live and
 2 For love that wel - comes chil - dren in and
 3 For wis - dom, skills, and con - fi - dence where
 4 For words and num - bers, hopes and dreams that
 5 For all who fol - low teach - ing's call with



guides us on our way, For all the teach - ers
 holds them when they stray, For knowl - edge hearts and
 won - der leads to faith, For those who ask and
 grow from day to day, For in - spi - ra - tion's
 cour - age and with grace To build a fu - ture



in our midst, we give you thanks and praise.
 souls re - ceive, we give you thanks and praise.
 those who hear, we give you thanks and praise.
 mes - sen - gers, we give you thanks and praise.
 for us all, we give you thanks and praise.

United Church of Christ minister Tom Hunter describes himself as a "minstrel" for schools and churches across the United States. This hymn was written "to celebrate and thank teachers in both Sunday and weekday schools because their work shapes the future for us all."

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
 William Croft, 1708

William Matson, 1866; alt.

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.
 to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
 and keep me in your shel - tering care.
 and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister, wrote a poem of 321 four-line stanzas titled "The Inner Life" (1866). This hymn of obedience to Christ has been drawn from that extended poem.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
 Anon.

Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
 William G. Tomer, 1880