

**Waterford Congregational Church**  
**HYMNS: May 2, 2021**

*"April showers and May flowers"*  
*Hymns for the changing season*

**LIKE A TREE BESIDE THE WATERS**

1 Like a tree beside the waters,  
nurtured by your loving care,  
We, O God, your sons and daughters,  
your enduring witness bear.  
In each passing generation  
may your voice of love be heard.  
Bless, we pray, this congregation,  
with your Holy, living Word.

2 Like a tree beside the river,  
drawing life from holy streams,  
Fill us with your love forever;  
recreate our hopes and dreams.  
Through the storms of life sustain us  
by the wisdom of your grace.  
May the changing of the seasons  
find us in your warm embrace.

3 We, beside the living waters,  
drink from your eternal life.  
Give to all, your sons and daughters,  
faith that rises over strife.  
O Living God, most glorious,  
strengthen us for life today.  
By the hope of timeless promise  
guide your church upon the Way.

*Words by James Martin, 1992*  
*Music by Roy Hopp, 1989*

**HYMN OF PROMISE**

1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in ev'ry silence,  
seeking word and melody.  
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

*Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth, 1986*

**FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift and sign  
to this world so freely giv'n;  
graces human and divine,  
love uniting earth and heav'n:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise

*Words by F.S. Pierpont, 1864*  
*Music by Conrad Kocher, 1838*

*George Wiese, organist*  
*1906 Mason & Hamlin Style 559 American Reed Organ*