

# God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us

*UMH 100*

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;

Hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:

Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new

Word of God from nature bringing spring-time green and autumn gold;

Mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:

Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman too;

Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, ne again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free;

Sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savoir he!

## Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him,

“I am God Almighty;

Walk before Me, and be blameless.

<sup>2</sup> I will make My covenant between Me and you,  
And I will multiply you exceedingly.”

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

<sup>4</sup> “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,  
And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

<sup>5</sup> No longer shall you be named Abram,  
But your name shall be Abraham;  
For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

<sup>15</sup> Then God said to Abraham, “As for your wife Sarai, you shall not call her *by* the name Sarai, but Sarah *shall be* her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

# **We Walk by Faith**

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

4 That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
in full and endless sight.

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with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

