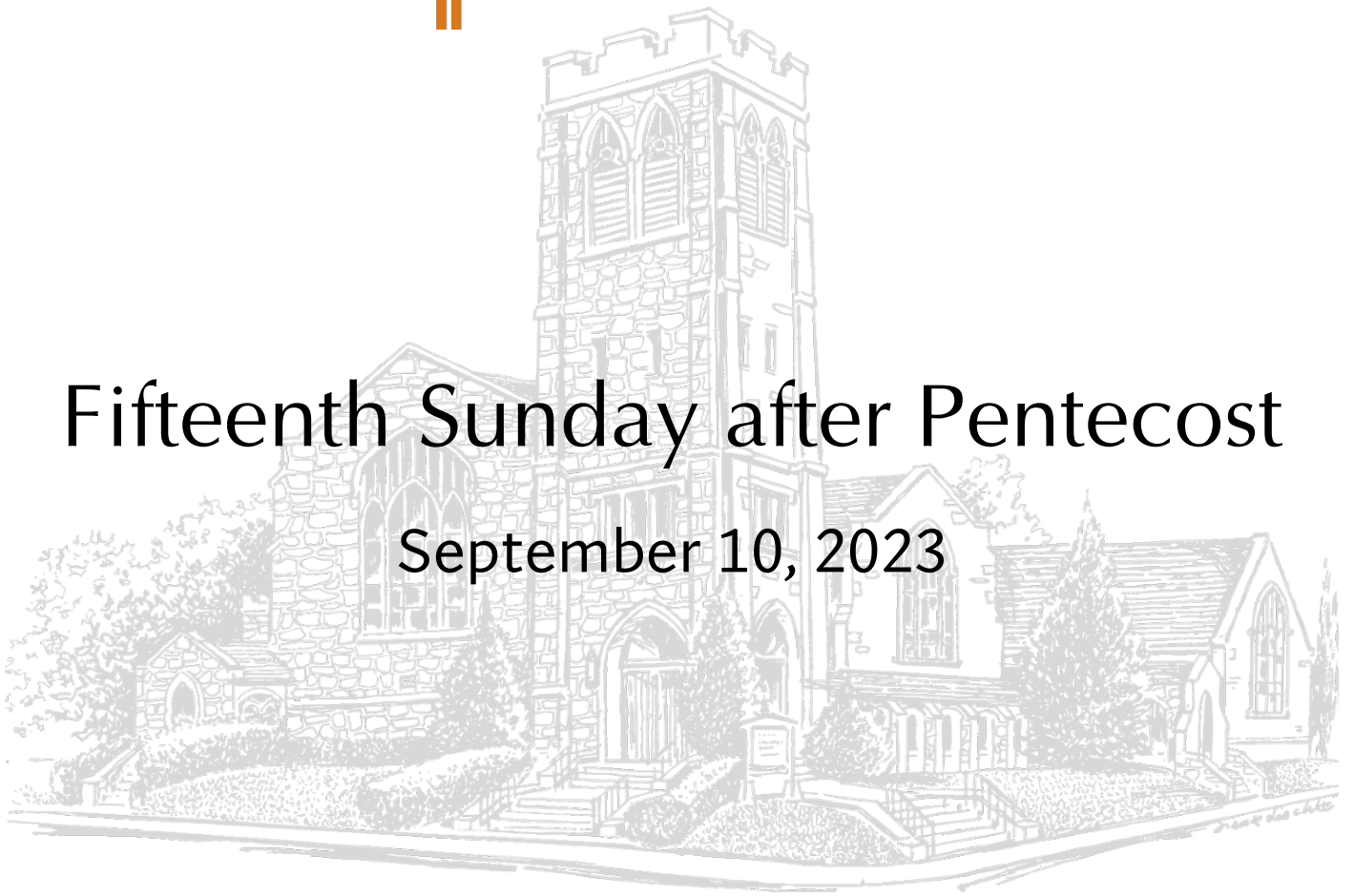




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community, and the world beyond.



A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through grade 5 may be escorted for Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)

- Children age 2 through grade 5 in Classrooms 1 and 2

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Homecoming Celebration** on the church lawn (see page 5)
Rain location: Walton Community Hall

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The Music: The Westminster Choir returns to worship today! Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. For more information or to participate, contact TonyThurman@wpc.org. Our instrumental soloist is Thom Moore, playing the Great Highland Bagpipe. The New Jersey native is a highly trained musician-bagpiper with more than four decades of experience as a champion solo and pipe band competitor with hundreds of trophies and medals to his credit. Thom is the Bagpiping Instructor to both the Camden County Emerald Society Pipes & Drums and the Philadelphia Police & Firefighters Pipes & Drums bands and enjoys frequent solo appearances throughout the Delaware Valley.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of his wife Kitty's birthday by Gary Knox.

The flowers in the narthex are from yesterday's memorial service for Kathleen Winter.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. Dates available are October 1, 8, and 29.

Westminster's Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community. Submit your prayer request to wpcprayerlist@gmail.com or online at wpc.org/care-support.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at wpc.org and clicking the "Donate" button or scan this QR code on your smart phone. → We accept donations by bank withdrawal, credit card, and debit card.



New to Westminster? Welcome! We're so glad you're here. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself via our contact form on the [I'm New](#) page of our website or scan this QR code to get there from your mobile device. We look forward to getting to know you.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (*), please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Scottish/arr. James Wetherald

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age there have been men and women
who have lived faithful and obedient lives.
We confess that we are not always in harmony with your will.
You call us to proclaim the truth in love, but there are times when we are silent.
You command us to do what is just, but too often we sit idle.
You beckon us to live faithfully, but minor matters distract us.
Forgive us and transform us
so that we may follow your guidance
and share Christ-like love with the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2 for more information.)

Sudie Niesen Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-30

Jill Getty
New Testament, page 53

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Irish/arr. Dennis Janzer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Maker, I thy true child;
Thou in me dwelling, through Christ reconciled.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN No. 305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Scottish Medley

Traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 301

Let Us Build A House

TWO OAKS

Vs. 1, 3, & 5: All

Vs. 2: Men (All sing refrain)

Vs. 4: Women (All sing refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Processional

Kevin Weed

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HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

(with omelettes!)

TODAY | 10 a.m. | Church Lawn*



Join us on the church lawn after the 9 a.m. worship service for a “Homecoming Celebration” sponsored by our Membership and Evangelism Committee. Come and learn about all the wonderful ministries of Westminster and how you can become involved in our church family. Fun activities will be available for children, and (new this year) breakfast will be provided by The Omelette King.

*Rain location: Walton Community Hall

***Whether you’ve been here for 5 minutes or 50 years,
we have a place for you!***

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Resuming September 17

8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Nursery for infants and toddlers
9:00–9:55 a.m.	Traditional worship service in the sanctuary
9:20–10:00 a.m.	Children’s programming (age 3–grade 5)
10:00–10:45 a.m.	Holy Toast Café reopens!
10:10–11:00 a.m.	Education classes for all ages
11:15 a.m. – Noon	<i>Living Mosaics</i> worship service on the lawn*
5:00–7:00 p.m.	180° Youth Ministry fall kick-off

*Weather permitting, the *Living Mosaics* service will be held in the side yard along Clayton Street (Sacred Grounds). Once the weather turns too cool to gather outdoors, and in cases of inclement weather, we will worship in Rodney Chapel.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



Conflicts! Conflicts! And More Conflicts!

Presenter: The Rev. William Getman

10:10 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

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In today's world so full of various kinds of conflict, we often forget that we have seen all these things in the Bible. The class will review selected passages from Genesis to Revelation, which highlight the sorts of conflicts God's people experience and what they may tell us about ourselves. The Rev. Bill Getman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served congregations for 46 years.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



Work Produced by Faith, Labor Prompted by Love, Endurance Inspired by Hope

*Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Elmarie
Parker, PC(USA) Regional Liaison
to Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq*

10:10 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

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Come and hear updates about conditions on the ground in both Lebanon and Syria and stories of our partners' transformative work in the midst of these conditions.

Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go

*Video series by Adam Hamilton
Facilitator: WPC member Margo Reign*

10:10 a.m. | Classroom 5

Forgiveness is hard. Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton provides the participants a path on how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving – even if the person needing forgiveness is ourselves.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Facilitator: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Contact: sniesenthompson@wpc.org

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom

*Facilitators: Randy Williamson
and Mary Anne Peters*

Contact: randywilliamson1@comcast.net

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

**Amanda Ripley on Her Book, *High Conflict:
Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out***

September 14 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom

*We will listen to the author's keynote address
at the 2021 National Summit on Education.*

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.

zoom.us/join | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit WPC.ORG/ADULTS or check our events calendar at WPC.ORG/EVENTS. Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

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The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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Taryn Albert, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Clark Collins, Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham,
Laura Holmes, Dick Jolly, Carla Krupanski, KC Morrison, Dave McBride,
Susan McPheeters, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Carrie Saathoff, Laura Scanlan,
Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Karissa Thacker, Gill Timon, Dan Weintraub

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DR Congo – PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthresley;
Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon – PC(USA) Mission Co-worker the Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker
Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development,
PC(USA) Mission Co-workers Betsey and Eric Moe

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 17
During the 9 a.m.
worship service

RSVP by September 10 to:
kathleenkennan@wpc.org

The presentation of Bibles is a celebration
of God's Word and a spiritual milestone for
our students.



180° Youth Ministry Meet and Greet Kick-Off

Sunday, September 17 | 5–7 p.m.
Walton Community Hall



All students in grades 6 to 12, parents, and brothers and sisters are invited to attend this event to meet our new 180 leadership team and learn of the youth opportunities that are available throughout the school year and summer of 2024. Dinner will be provided. This will be a fun-filled night with games, laughter, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kathleen Kennan at kathleenkennan@wpc.org. We look forward to seeing you on September 17!

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly, - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

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NICAEA
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ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

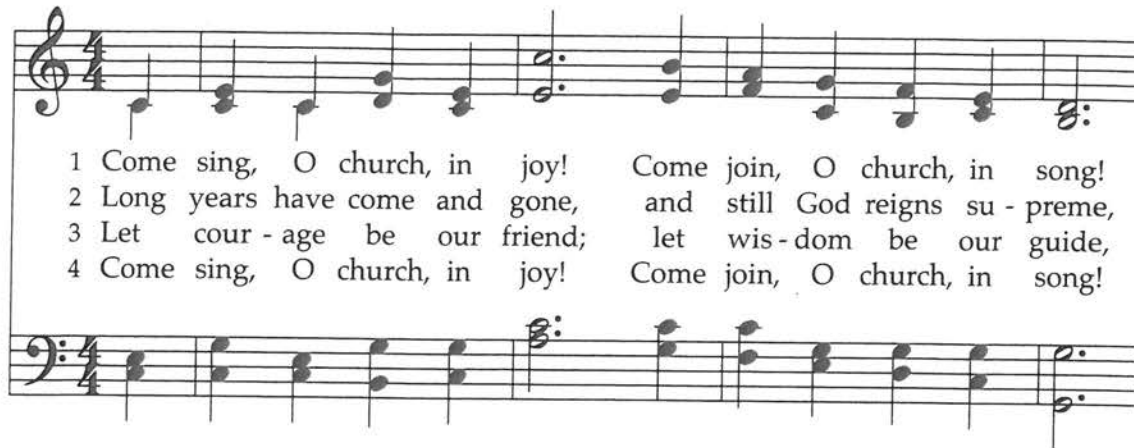
SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbré,
ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

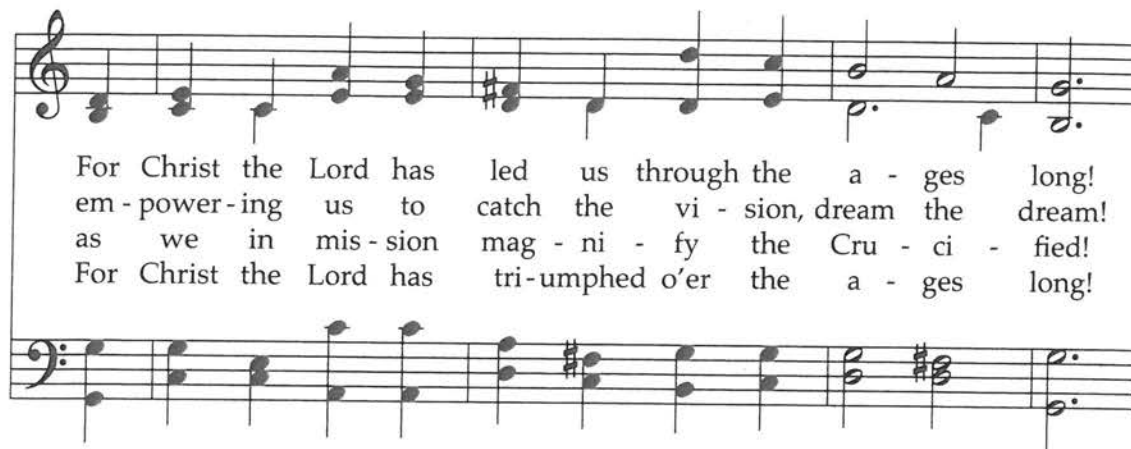
KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네
천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니
영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 뉘노
권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다

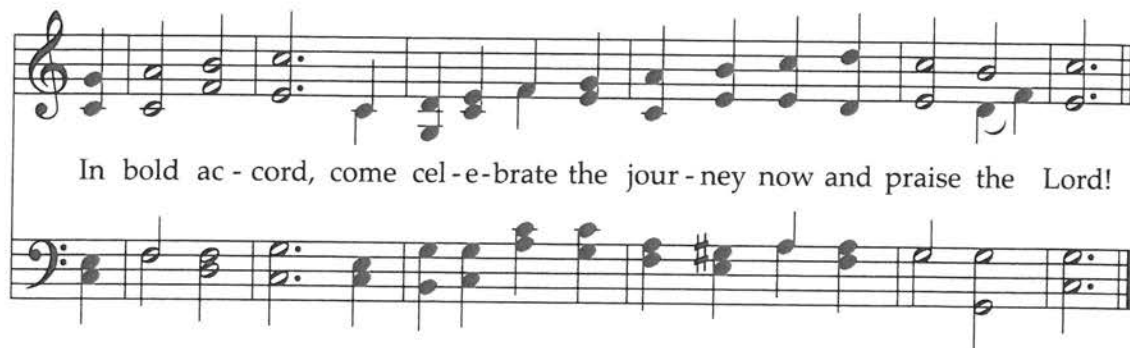
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!




In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Let Us Build a House


All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B \flat C Dm



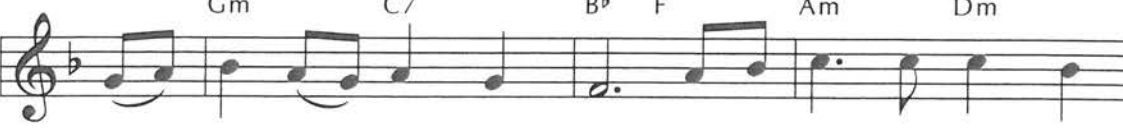
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C




safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B \flat F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B \flat



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B \flat A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) ((A7))
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B \flat F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.