

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. In chapter ten of Genesis, Nimrod is listed in the genealogy of Noah, described as a mighty hunter. The orchestral-like crescendo in this piece may be heard as a personification of that archetype.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

About Hymn 81

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages. TEXT: John Newton, 1775; MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

PRELUDE

Nimrod from Op. 36

Edward Elgar, arr. William H. Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Sing aloud to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of our salvation!
**Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
on lyre and harp make melody to God.**

Let us offer to God our sacrifice of praise,
for God alone is worthy.

**For you, O God, declared never to forsake us.
So we sing with joy and will not be afraid!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**O God, author and giver of all good things,
plant in our hearts love of you and of all people;
increase in us true faith;
nourish us with all goodness;
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality
in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word,
and the Bible - the written Word.)*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has told you, O mortal what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

Micah 6:8

*Call to and Prayer of
Confession*

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
in Jesus you have shown us a way that is humble
and seeks the good of others.
We confess that our way
is often about elevating ourselves
and ignoring what others need.
Sin leads us down the path that is easy for us,
yet is destructive for the wider community.
Free us from the temptation to pursue
only our own interests and pleasure.
Help us to live in harmony with all your people,
sharing one world and eating around one table,
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.

What is the Word that is living?

It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Proverbs 25:6-7

(Old Testament, page 607 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Eugene Butler

Sing aloud to God, our strength. Shout for joy to God!

Raise a song and sound the timbrel.

Praise is due to thee, O God in Zion!

Blessed be the Lord our God,

who alone does wondrous things!

Sound the trumpet at the feast day.

Blessed be his glorious name forever!

Great and mighty are God's works!

Raise a song and sound the timbrel.

Sound the trumpet at the feast day.

Amen and amen! Amen!

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(New Testament, page 77 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“God’s Dinner Party”

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 301**

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

About Hymn 301

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 worshiping community. TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has revealed himself
as the one who wishes to bring
justice and true peace among people...
that God wishes to teach the church
to do what is good and to seek the right;
that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need, which implies,
among other things, that the church must witness
against and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like water,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
that the church as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands....**

(Confession of Belhar)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

To GIVE, please scan QR code below:

OFFERING

Anthem

Lucius Chapin/arr. Kosche



Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, By love are we thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love him in return.
Forgive we now each other’s faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek; Be ours his holy peace.
Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, his only Son;
As members of his Body joined We are in him made of one.
For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior’s Name,
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

Doxology is a short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

About Hymn 372

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking: it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*. TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987; MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The catchy subject of this fugue is instrumental in nature and easy to imagine as being played by strings due to the frequency of leaps to the dominant pitch.

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***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Gracious God,
who gave Jesus Christ
and who with him has given so freely to us,
receive these our offerings and enable us,
with all our gifts, to so give ourselves to you
that with body, mind, and spirit,
we may truly and freely serve you
and your redeeming purposes,
for in your service we find our deepest joy. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*singing together*)

(See the inside back cover of your hymnal for text and music.)

SENDING

***HYMN 372**

O for a World

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Our Mission

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler,
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semington
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
*Organist & Associate Director
of Music Ministries*

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Dunk and Virginia Love Bowman
by Jennie Graves Bowman.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Corinne Walker Sterling
by her family.*

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 – toddlers

Classroom 151 – 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 – 4s, 5s and kindergarten

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact:
Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

New Member & Inquirer Class to Begin!

9:45 AM • September 11 – October 9
This class is a wonderful way to learn about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and to explore all of the opportunities for growth in faith, fellowship, and service at WPC. Contact Emily Harrison, eharrison@nashvillewpc.org to sign-up for this class.



WPC Habitat Build September 10 - October 30

If you would like to volunteer for this year's build, please scan the QR code below. For more info or if you have questions, please contact Michael Drake, drakerducks@gmail.com.



Take Me To Your Leader

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2026) are requested from Westminster members.

To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form. Forms can be found:

- (1) in the Parlor by the wooden Ballot Box, or
- (2) online at www.nashvillewpc.church, click on forms tab.

Nominations close on October 9, 2022.

For more information, please contact Bill Tate, whtate@comcast.net or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

minute 4 MISSION

Whether you are a Pro, a Hacker or a First Timer, come and have some great Westminster FUN! You do not need to be a WPC member - friends, family, neighbors...All are welcome!

Come join those looking to round out a foursome, start your own or encourage your golfer friends to bring their own group.

Monday, September 12
8:00 AM 'Shotgun' start at Gaylord Springhouse Golf Course. Scramble format. Enter as an individual or as a team. Having fun and fellowship is required.

Cost: \$100 per person, includes golf, cart, and lunch.

Benefits: Event proceeds benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Hole Sponsorship: There are still Hole Sponsorships available! Would you like to honor a loved one or your favorite organization, promote your business or just want to see your name at the turn? Stop at the table in the Parlor today or contact Lisa Levine, li5k@aol.com, 513.673.4856.



Here's your chance to share in some fellowship in a whole new way...so come and PLAY!

There will be a sign-up table in the Parlor after each service.

Please contact Donovan Drake, ddrake@nashvillewpc.org, with any questions. Scan the QR code below to register for this event. It's easy to sign up and pay online!



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Fall Adult Ed Kick-off Class:

During Sunday School today in Fellowship Hall from 9:50 to 10:45 AM come hear an overview of all educational and spiritual nurture opportunities for adults being offered this fall. You can hear from teachers and facilitators, view curriculum, have questions answered, and find where you can grow your faith in community.

Faith & Fellowship

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Guy's presentation.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Youth

Today will be a more youth-focused Kickoff! We will have our Confirmation Kickoff (stay tuned for details in upcoming emails)! At 6:05 PM, we will have our Youth Group Kickoff at Elmington Park!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Katie Gossage, kgossage@nashvillewpc.org.

Laudate Choir for seventh - twelfth graders also begins on Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 PM. *All are welcome.* Plan now to join us. Please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org, for more info.

Children's Ministry

All children will move up to their classes!

Pre-School Children go directly to their classrooms in the preschool hall.

Kindergarten Children go to the Godly Play room by the big cross.

First through Fourth Grades come to the Chapel.

Fifth and Sixth Grades go upstairs on the Wilson Wing to their classroom.

Our Choir Kickoff party is TODAY!

We would like for an adult to accompany all choir participants for a brief meeting in the Sanctuary at 4:00 PM.

Children in grades fourth - sixth are eligible to also participate in a bell-ringing choir called Chiming Children. This meets right after choir from 5:00 to 5:50 PM with Colby White.

Alleluia Choir

Kindergarten with Susan Ramsay

Gloria Choir

First - Third grade with Ally Hard

Jubilate Choir

Fourth - Sixth grade with Roberta Rodgers

All choirs meet at the same time 4:00 to 4:50 PM on Sunday afternoons in the upstairs music area of the Mayfair entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Love That Continues



With a twinkling smile, Susan Baughman went about her work at Westminster. Her strong faith compelled her to give of herself in any way possible through volunteering and filling any needs she saw. She was

everywhere and into everything around the church. When she moved to Knoxville to be with her family, there was certainly a void to fill. In her prayer she selected for her memorial service were the words “give me a servant’s heart”. This seemed to be her mantra. Susan is still here through her years of work at Westminster, and now through her Legacy Fund contribution. Her love for this church and her volunteer spirit continues through her planned gift.

The Legacy Fund Trustees invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing love for this church and its missions. The

Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment to provide long-term financial security of Westminster. Distributions support activities central to Westminster’s mission that are outside the annual operating budget and protect the church from adverse financial circumstances.

If you would like to learn more, visit our website Legacy Fund – Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or contact Jo Ann McFarlin, Executive Director of Operations, jmcfarlin@nashville.org or 615-292-5526 ext 231, Donovan Drake, or Jay Hardcastle, Trustee Chair.

And thank you to those who have already included Westminster in their planned giving! We are updating church records and confirming those who have named Westminster as a beneficiary in their will, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. Please contact Jo Ann McFarlin, Executive Director of Operations, jmcfarlin@nashville.org or 615-292-5526 ext 231 to let us know your plans.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 28

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Kickoff
- 5:00 PM Chiming Children/Laudate

Monday, August 29

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, August 30

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 5:30 PM Yoga

Wednesday, August 31

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer handbells
Disciple III
Disciple XVII
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers
- 5:30 PM Property Committee
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
Westminster Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Families w/Yng Children Com Mtg

Friday, September 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, September 3

- 11:30 AM AA

Contacts:

If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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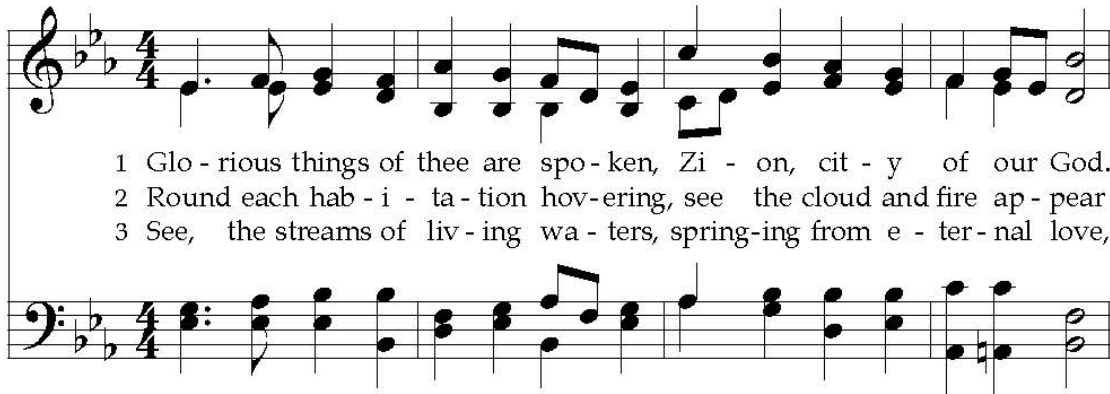
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For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

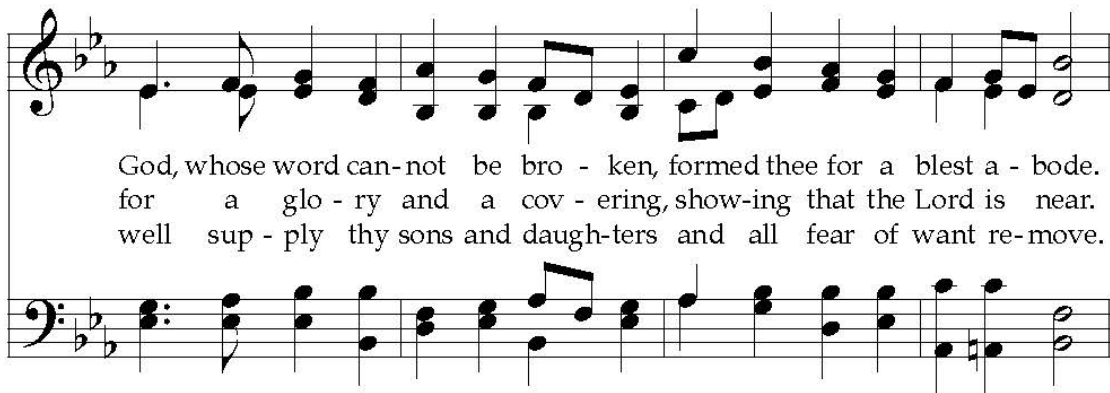


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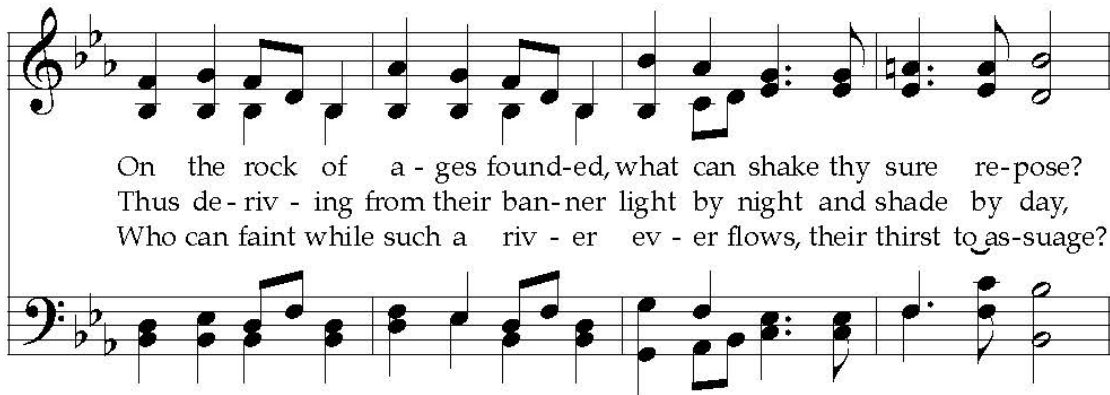
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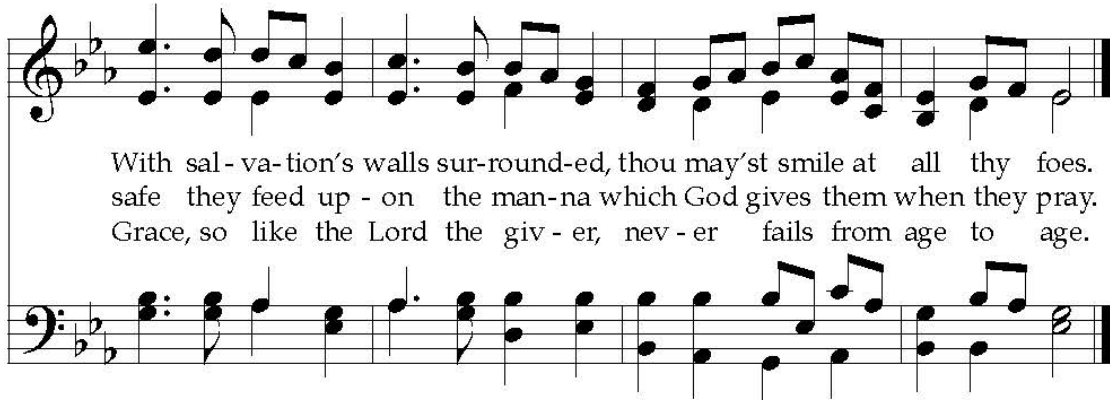
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b 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^b 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^b



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

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b 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)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

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

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

