

September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN 577

Refrain:

God is love, and where true love is,
God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather
love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love is with us
gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him,
holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love
Christ in one another. (Refrain)

When we Christians gather,
members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord
but one spirit.
Banished now be anger,
strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God be always
present here among us. (Refrain)

Grant us love's fulfillment,
joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face,
O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest
Light of all creation,
Be our bliss while endless
ages sing your glory.

HYMN 440

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred

now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

HYMN 341

For the bread, which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blessed ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

HYMN 379

God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation

pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.