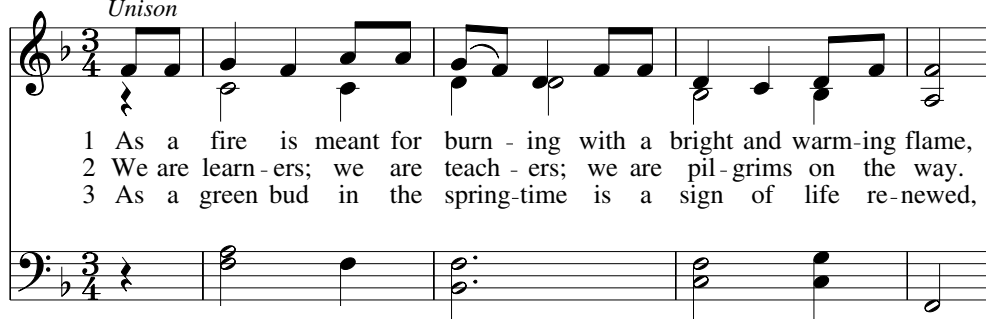


# As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

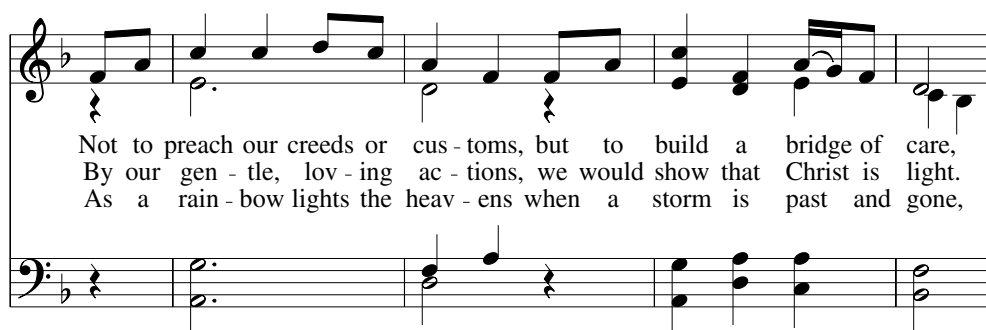
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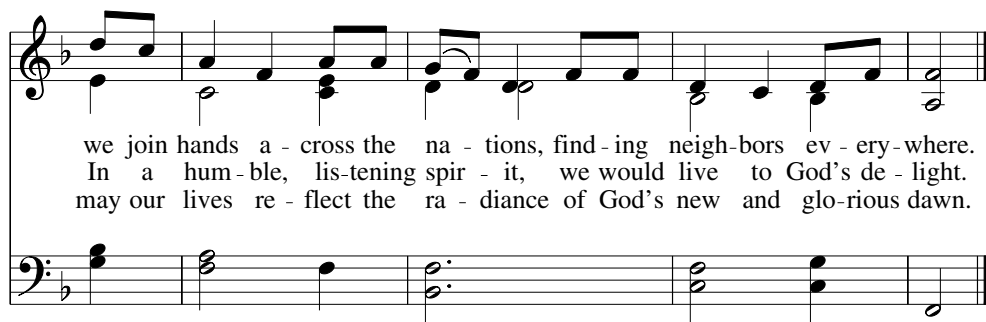
1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing flame,  
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.  
 3 As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re - newed,



so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.  
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.  
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y - hued.



Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,  
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light.  
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,



we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.  
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.  
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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