

**David's United Church of Christ**  
**July 23, 2023**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Online Worship Bulletin**

Prelude – “Elegie” Jules Massenet, “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” arr. Larry Shackley  
*Tim Williams*, Music Director

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” (see below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Emily Phillips*

One: Surely the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**Many: We wait alongside all creation with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.**

One: We groan inwardly as we wait;

**Many: And as we wait we hope for what we do not see.**

**All: As we wait and hope, let us worship the Living God together.<sup>1</sup>**

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *John Gramann*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offertory Music – “Sign of the Times” Styles, Bhaskar & Johnson

Doxology                   **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
                                  **Praise Christ all creatures here below.**  
                                  **Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.**  
                                  **One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “We Would Be Building” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 (adapted from The Message)

One: God, investigate my life; get all the facts first hand.

**Many: We're an open book to you; even from a distance you know what we're thinking.**

One: You know when I leave and when I return; I'm never out of your sight.

**Many: You know everything we're going to say before we start the first sentence.**

One: I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—

**Many: Your reassuring presence is with us, coming and going.**

One: This is too much, it's all too wonderful – I can't take it all in!

**Many: Is there any place we can go to avoid your Spirit? To be out of your sight?**

One: If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there!

**Many: If we flew on the morning's wings to the far western horizon, you'd find us in a minute—you're already there waiting?**

One: Then I said to myself, "Oh, God even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!"

**Many: It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.**

One: Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me;

**Many: Cross-examine and test us, get a clear picture of what we're about;**

One: See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—

**Many: Then guide us on the road to eternal life.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Compassionate and merciful God, we confess that we sometimes ignore our responsibilities to you and to humanity. If ever we trample on the rights of others while asserting our own right: God forgive. If ever we sit by on the sidelines, doing nothing, but criticizing those who do: God forgive. If ever, by our example and deed, we hurt little ones or cause them to do wrong: God forgive. Grant, O God, that our lives might be flavored with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, as salt flavors food. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord's Prayer

Special Music – "No Hard Feelings" The Avett Brothers  
played by *Scott Thompson*

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Genesis 28: 10-19a

Epistle – Romans 8: 1, 12-25

Gospel – Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sermon – "It's a Hard Knock Life-And Surely God is With Us"  
*Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “For the Healing of the Nations” (see below for lyrics)

Benediction

Postlude – “Day by Day” Stephen Swartz

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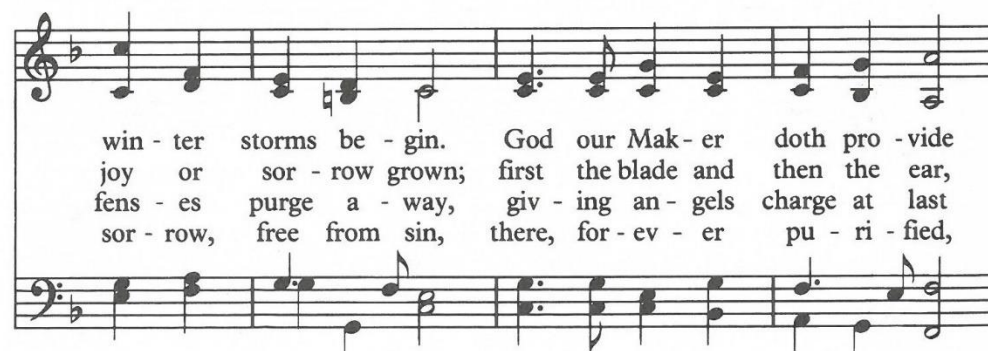
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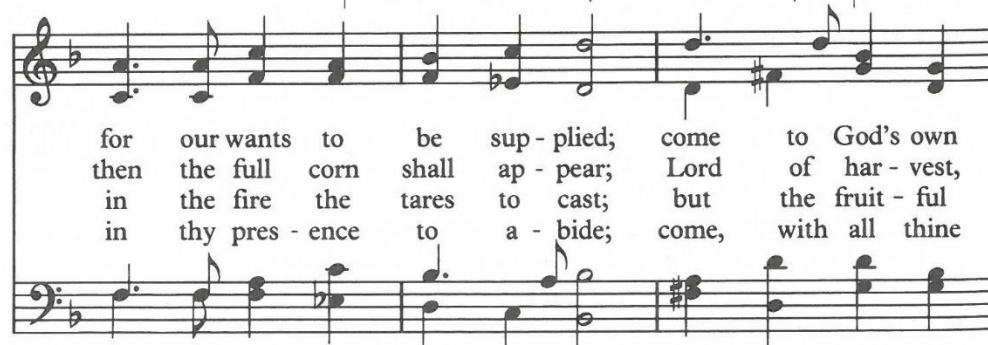
1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal



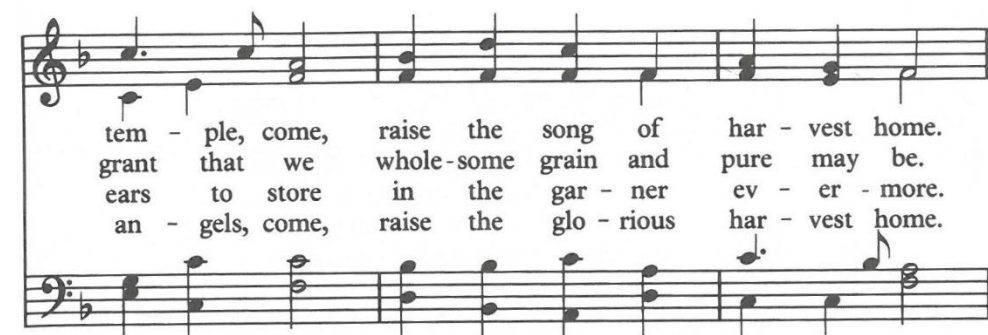
har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the  
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to  
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -  
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from



win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide  
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,  
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last  
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,



for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own  
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,  
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful  
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine



tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

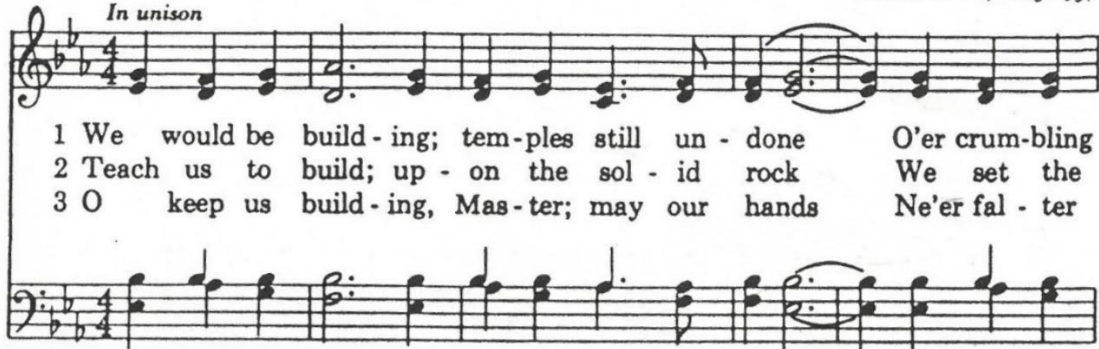
# We Would Be Building

Purd E. Deitz, 1897-

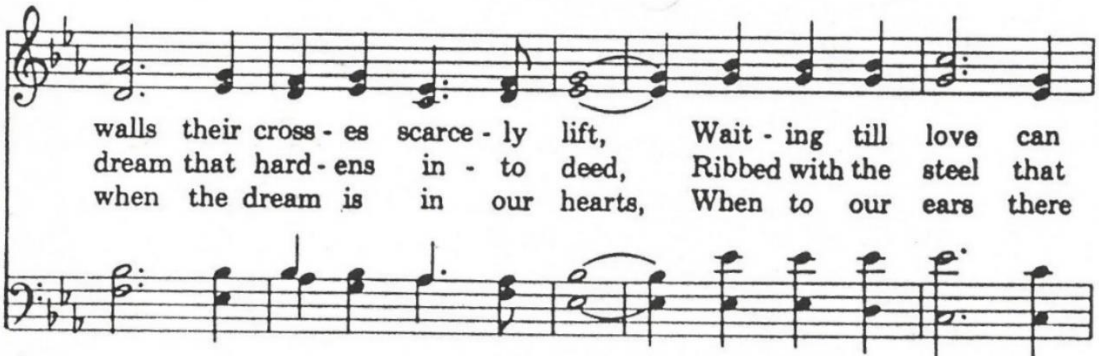
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Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957

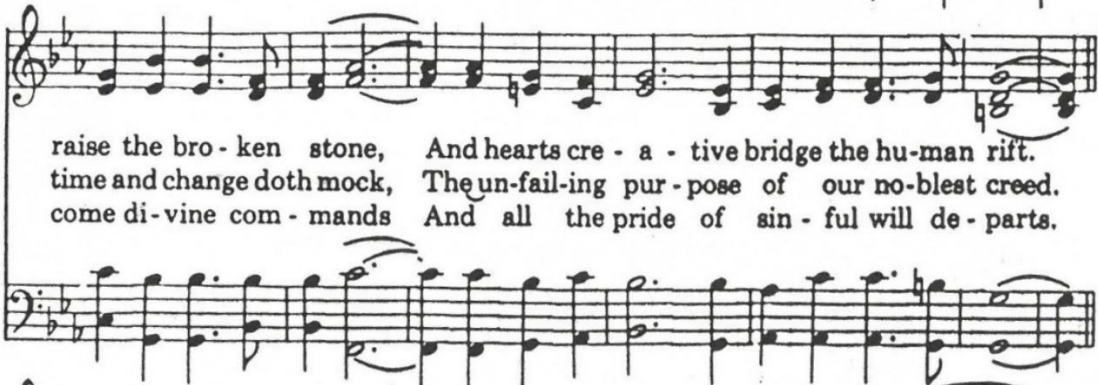
*In unison*




1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done O'er crum - bling  
2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock We set the  
3 O keep us build - ing, Mas - ter; may our hands Ne'er fal - ter



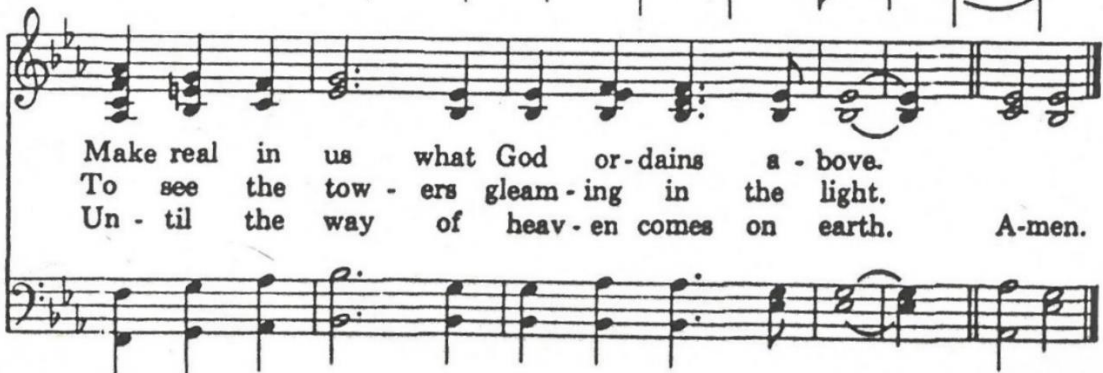
walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, Wait - ing till love can  
dream that hard - ens in - to deed, Ribbed with the steel that  
when the dream is in our hearts, When to our ears there



raise the bro - ken stone, And hearts cre - a - tive bridge the hu - man rift.  
time and change doth mock, The un - fail - ing pur - pose of our no - blest creed.  
come di - vine com - mands And all the pride of sin - ful will de - parts.



We would be build - ing; Mas - ter, let thy love  
Teach us to build; O Mas - ter, lend us sight  
We build with thee, O grant en - dur - ing worth



Make real in us what God or - dains a - bove.  
To see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.  
Un - til the way of heav - en comes on earth. A - men.



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.