FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Summer Worship

August 28, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Rushing Waters arr. Smith/Farren

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse 1
Let us hear the sound of angels
Singing holy holy holy is the Lord
Let us see the saints and elders
Gathering in worship 'round Your throne
There's only one desire
In the heart of Your redeemed
To step deeper in the place
Where earth and heaven meet

Chorus
With the sound like rushing waters
We sing blessing honor and praise
With one voice that rolls like thunder
Ev'ry tongue will now proclaim

Verse 2
Oh we long to hear the nations declaring
You the Lord of ev'rything
Ev'ry king and ev'ry ruler
Throwing down their crowns at Your feet
All majesty and power
On the earth and up above
Be to the only God
Who was and is and is to come

(Our God reigns our God reigns)
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WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.
One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.
One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*GATHERING HYMN #301 from *Glory to God* (see insert)
Let Us Build A House ALL ARE WELCOME

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Too often, O God, we walk away from neighbors who are hurting or in need. We are too busy, too afraid, too cold. In our own abundance, we are too poor in spirit to bear the cost. In our own comfort, we are too complacent to be inconvenienced or stretched toward hope and healing and inclusion. Forgive us. Tell us it is not too late to hear Jesus' words and to have the Samaritan's heart. Break us wide open so that we count all people as our neighbor, and teach us to show up with and for those who need presence, solidarity, and advocacy. By the power of your Spirit, convict us and transform us into agents of your mercy and justice, of your compassion and peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 Betsy Simpson

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Won't You Be My Neighbor"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN # 343
Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

1 Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek what is right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Let Us Adore — Reuben Morgan

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse 1
The heavens declare
The glory of God
And all of the world
Will join the praise
His wonders proclaim

Verse 2
The oceans and skies
Lift up their voice
And all He has made
Will rise to bless
The King of all kings

Chorus 1
Let us adore Him
Let us adore Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Verse 3
Eternity's King
Is coming again
Though all of the earth
Will fade away
His truth will remain

Chorus 2
Come and behold Him
Bow down before Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Bridge
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
You are worthy of all praise

Ending Jesus Christ is the Lord

*Doxology — #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN — # 747 from *Glory to God* (see insert)

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth — ENVIADO

*BENEDICTION
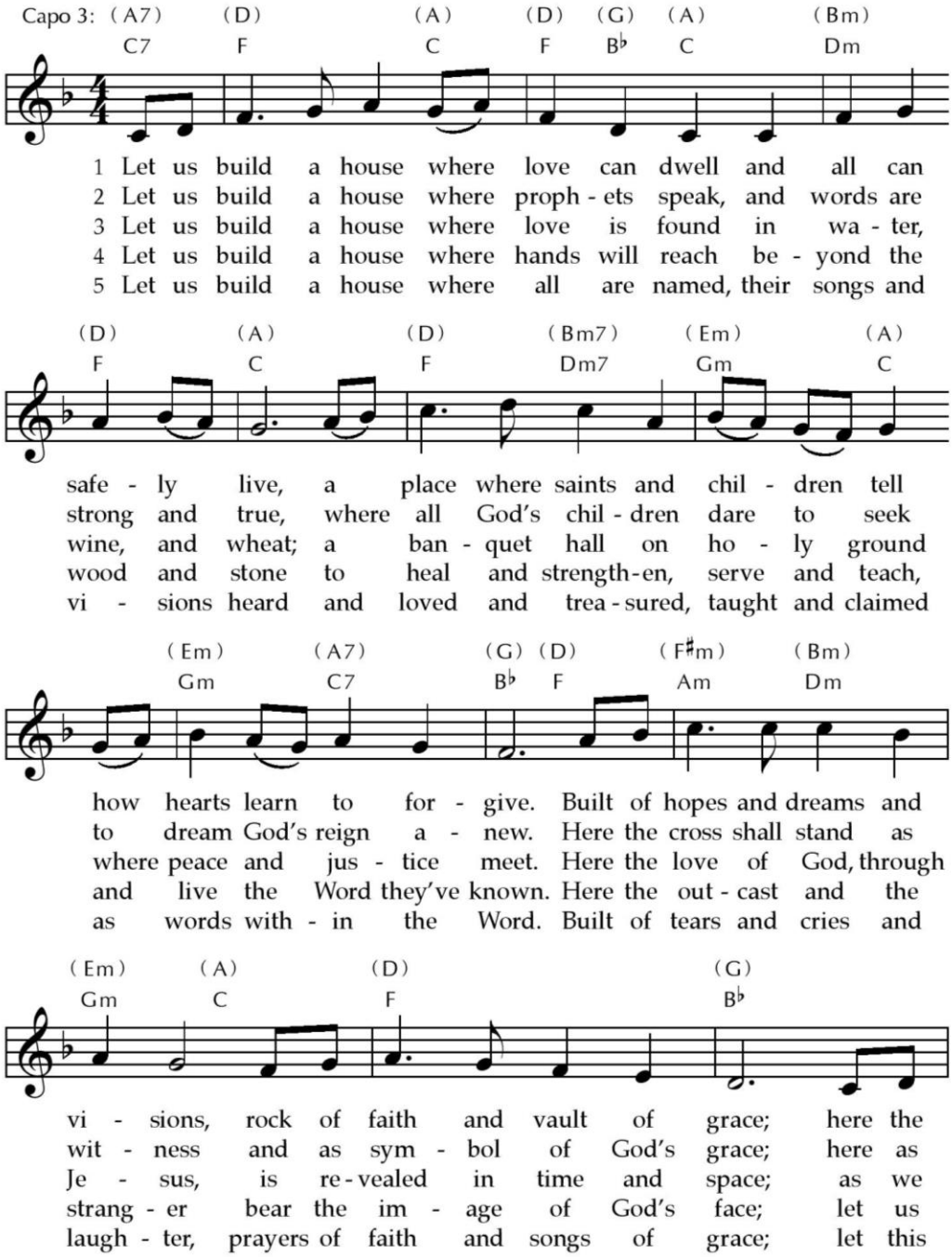
POSTLUDE This is Your Day — Dave Kull

Contemporary Ensemble

THE CHURCH

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

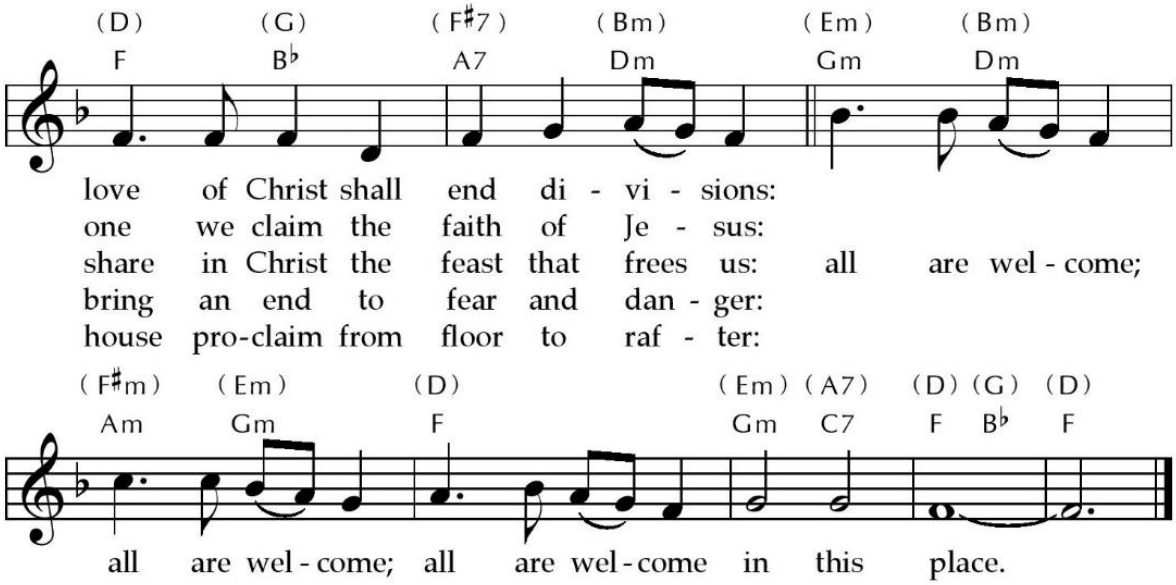


Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

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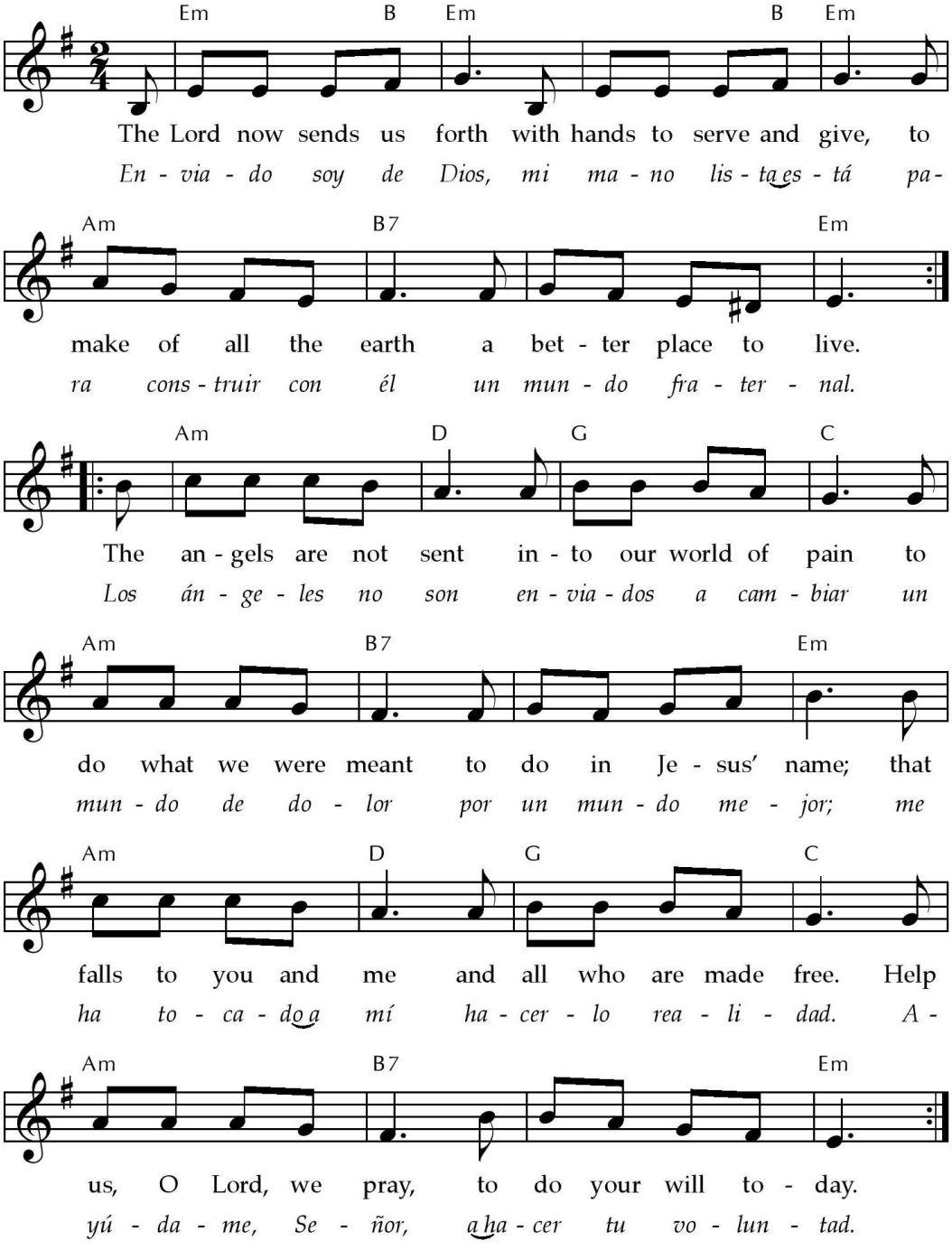
TWO OAKS
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Refrain


(D) F
(G) B♭
(F♯7) A7
(Bm) Dm
(Em) Gm
(Bm) 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) Am
(Em) Gm
(D) F
(Em) Gm
(A7) C7
(D) F
(G) B♭
(D) F
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

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