

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Congregational Meeting

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Nancy Shambach

Psalmist: Bill Cox

Greeter: Beth Miller

Ushers: Cip & Maria Chavez, Pat Gerlach, Joy Sternberg

Early Morning Security: Steve Sproul

January Sanctuary Stewards: Ginny O'Neill and Scott Roberts

February Sanctuary Stewards: Arlene Thomas and Joy Sternberg

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Introit *In Excelsis Gloria!*

Chancel Choir

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 133)

Nancy Shambach

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

People: It is like the precious oil on the beard, running down the collar of Aaron's robe.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing-life forevermore.

All: Let us with one voice praise the name of our living Lord.

***Hymn #305** *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

Call to Confession

Nancy Shambach

Prayer of Confession (unison):

All: Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

We have not always sought or done your longing for us. We have not always lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sinful ways, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and forever.

Lord, hear our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together.)

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #581 *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Shambach

Reading from the Gospel: John 17: 11-18

Nancy Shambach

(This can be found on p. 985, in your pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter **Psalm 27: 1, 4-9** Bill Cox
(This can be found on p. 493 of your pew Bible.)

Anthem *A Scottish Blessing* Chancel Choir

Reading from the New Testament: I Corinthians 1: 10-18

(This can be found on p. 1038 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *A Sense of Belonging* Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together.)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Nancy Shambach

Offertory *In The Garden* – sung by Lisa, Ginny, Scott & Bill

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Nancy Shambach

***Sending Song #301:** *Let Us Build a House*

Charge and Benediction

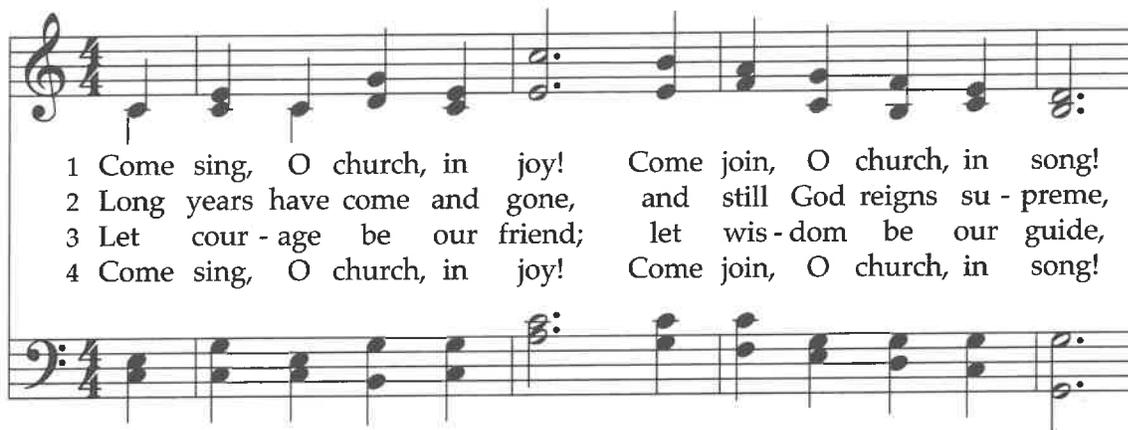
Choral Benediction *Go Now in Love and Peace*

Postlude

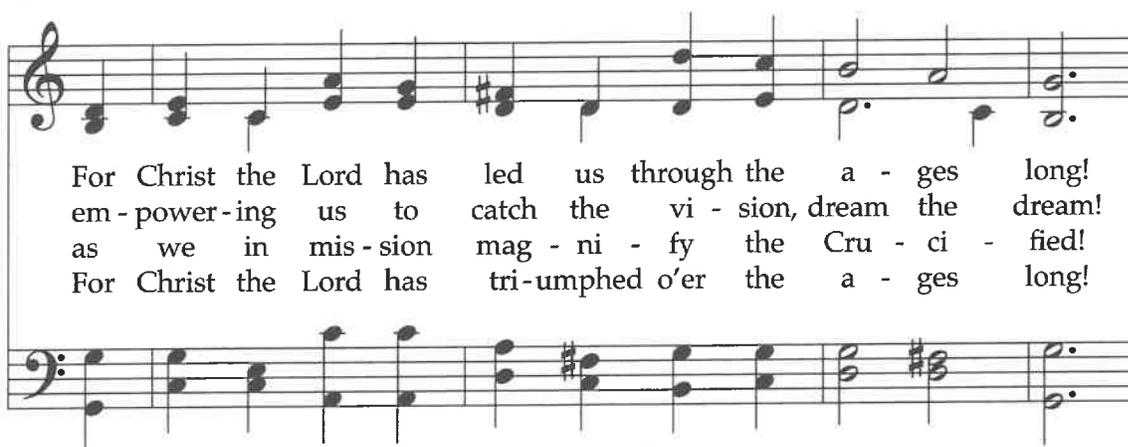
Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Please stand as you are comfortable Music: One License #A-736655

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

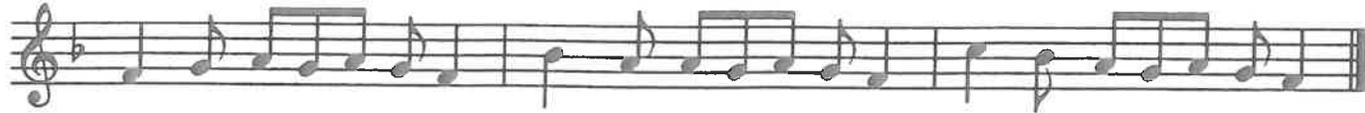


In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us
Kyrie Eleison

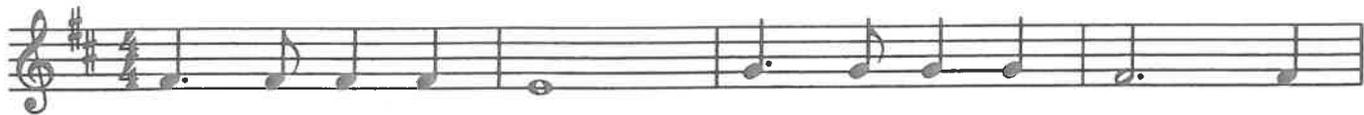
John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton



Here our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; in -



cline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

301

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

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 worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B \flat 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) ((A7))
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B \flat F (C7)

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