

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

**Prelude:** More Love to These, O Christ – arr. Mark Hayes

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

**People: Who is like the Lord?**

Leader: Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

**People: Who is like the Lord?**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

**People: Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!**

### **Hymn # 305 – Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** “Escape from Egypt”

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**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Special Music:** God of Wonders, Soloist: Jake Bushong

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your heart.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**The Sharing of the Meal**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by  
your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ,  
with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn # 300 – We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)**

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all  
unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are  
Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and  
together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes,  
they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and  
we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes,  
they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the  
Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.*

**Charge and Benediction**

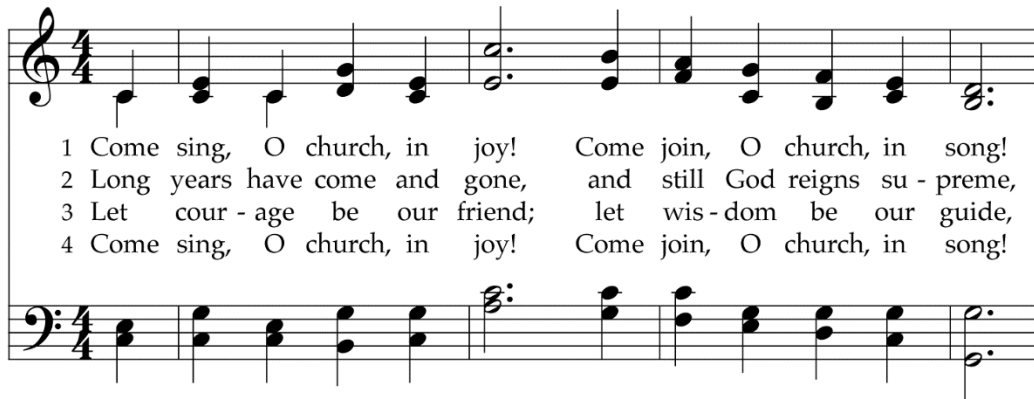
**Congregational Response: Hymn #726 – Will You Come and Follow Me, verse 5**

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your  
company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

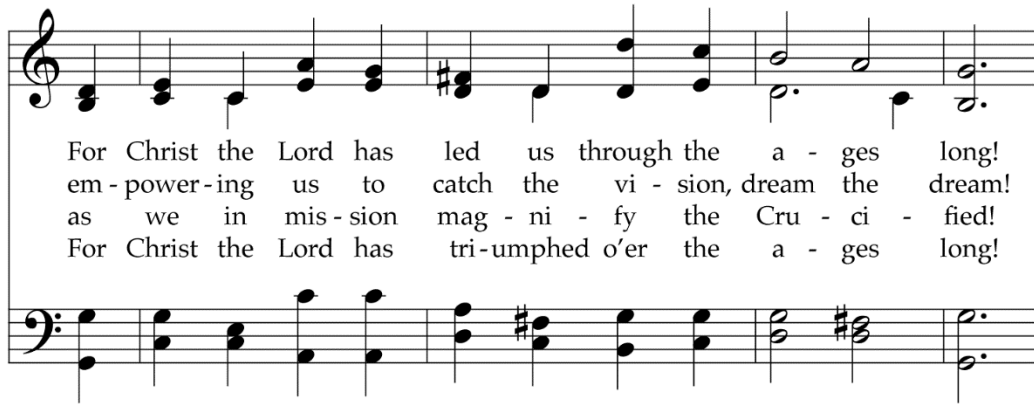
**Postlude:** Jesus Paid It All – arr. Linda Lamb

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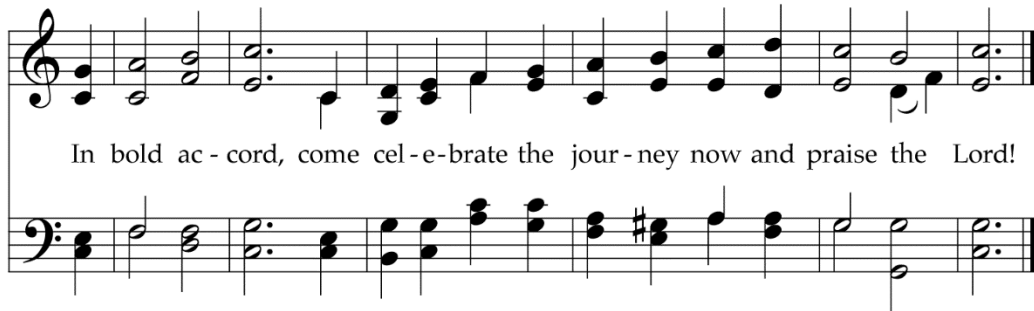
# 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



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.

# 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<sup>b</sup>m 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<sup>b</sup>m 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<sup>b</sup> Fm

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

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/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.