

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**



### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come worship God,

**People: who gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoner free.**

Leader: Come worship God,

**People: who gives life to the lifeless and sets our hearts aflame.**

Leader: Come worship God,

**People: and bring your gifts before the One who is their source.**

### **\*Hymn # 301 – Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege. 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:** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Not Following the Script

**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**

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## **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**

**Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us  
to your table where all are welcome,  
and for feeding us with the bread of life  
and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing.  
As you have filled our lives with love and hope,  
may we be a source of your love and hope  
for others who hunger and thirst  
for good news. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 509 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

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

### **Postlude**

THE CHURCH

301

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup>

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.

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THE CHURCH

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
F B<sup>b</sup> 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)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

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

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.