Sunday, May 15th **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

GIVE+Church

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth! People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights. Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised, People: for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the you and for those wise with age. Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord;

come, let us worship God.

*Hymn # 301 – Let Us Built a House

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. 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: Acts 11:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Figuring Out Hot to be the Church

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.

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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

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.

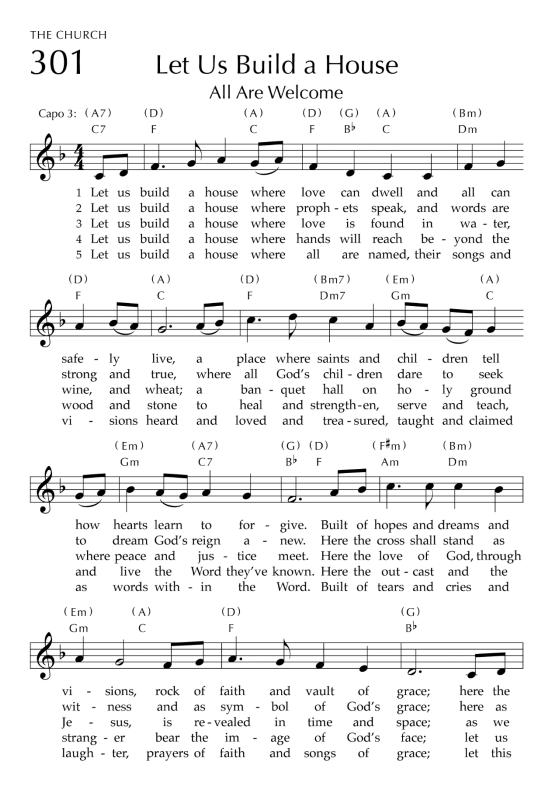
*Hymn # 300 - We Are One in the Spirit

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn # 243 – Be Not Afraid (x2)

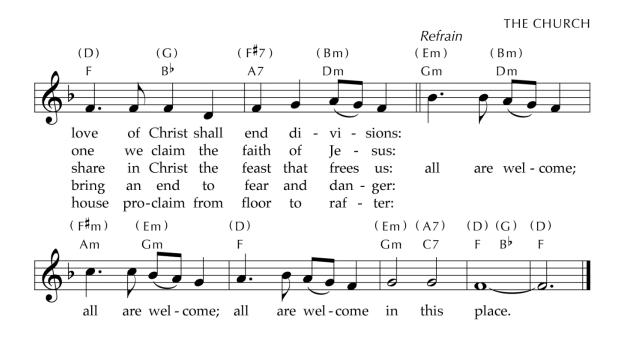
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Postlude

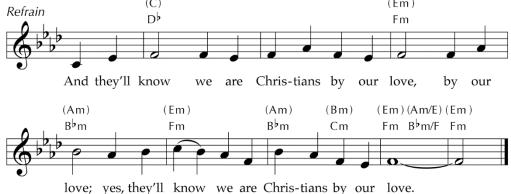


Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain



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THE CHURCH
      We Are One in the Spirit
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 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
     Capo 1:(Em)
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                                            (Em)
            Fm
                                    Cm
                                             Fm
1 We
                       the Spir-it;
                                                       the Lord;
      are
            one
                  in
                                    we are
                                            one
                                                   in
  We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in
2
                                                           hand;
3
  We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by
                                                           side;
                       the Fa-ther, from
                                           whom all things come,
4 All
           praise
                  to
                                           (Em)
         (Am)
         B♭m
                                            Fm
          6
                    the Spir - it;
                                                  in the
we
    are
         one
                in
                                   we
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                                                          Lord,
               with each oth - er;
we
    will
         walk
                                   we will walk
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    will
        work
               with each oth - er;
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                to Christ Je - sus, God's
    all
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and
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         (Am)
                                           (Em)
         B♭m
                                            Fm
         pray that all
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and we
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man
                                                   hu-man pride:
                        dig - ni - ty and save
and all praise to the
                        Spir - it, who
                                          makes
                                                            one:
                                                   us
            (C)
                                                (Em)
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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.