









# RENEW!

STRENGTHENING OUR PLACE TO  
GROW AND SERVE IN CHRIST

11:00 a.m. Worship • April 14, 2024

## *Exploring Faith. Changing Lives.*

Sardis Presbyterian Church is an inclusive congregation called to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world by:

-  **PRAISING** God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
-  **LEARNING** about God's will for our lives
-  **LOVING** one another unconditionally
-  **SERVING** neighbors near and far
-  **SHARING** the gifts with which we have been blessed
-  **WITNESSING** to the Good News of Jesus Christ to provide hope for the world.

We are honored that you chose to worship God with us this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to help you explore the possibility that Sardis is the place God is calling you to worship and serve.

# WORSHIP



April 14, 2024

## WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER

† Rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE Crown Him with Many Crowns Compton  
*Coventry Ringers*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Allysén Schaaf

IMPACT STATEMENT Renew! Chuck Bohlen

THE CHAPEL (through the doors to left of the pulpit) is available, with audio of the worship service, for those who need it (e.g. families with young children, those with health challenges, etc.).

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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and they will provide one for you.

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A handicap unisex bathroom is located in the left rear hallway.

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: After hours and on weekends or holidays, please call the church office and leave a message, including a call-back number. A Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)  
Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**People: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake into the sea, we will not fear, for God is with us.**  
Leader: The God of hosts is with us.  
**People: The Holy God of heaven and earth is our refuge.**

† HYMN #301 Let Us Build a House *Two Oaks*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, quiet our souls to hear your voice. Calm our spirits so that we may be reassured once again of your presence. We confess that we have broken covenant with you. Our intentions are good, but we so often fail to keep the promises we make to be your disciples, to treat others as we would like to be treated. We confess that we have not always followed our words of good will with action. Forgive us for the opportunities we have missed, for wasting the many gifts you have given us. Give us courage to live as your people, forgiven and loved in your mercy. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

† RESPONSE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *Vasile*  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end, amen. (repeat 3x)**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 6:11-22

SERMON Renew! The Roof Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

† HYMN #321 The Church's One Foundation *Aurelia*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name

Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

† DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*  
**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.**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Earth Care

Ed Shoaf & Andy Lankford

† HYMN #733 We All Are One in Mission *Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein*

† BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Let's pass that peace with one another before we follow Jesus  
by carrying it out into the world.*

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on *Old Hundredth*

Purcell

The Ushers today are members of the Session.

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We have several offering options for you!

**Option 1:** Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) and click on "Make a Gift Now"

**Option 2:** Text 'Sardis + amount' to 73256 (e.g. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)

**Option 3:** Click the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.



**Option 4:** Place your offering in the offering plate.

Thank you for your gifts and support of Sardis Presbyterian Church.

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**We provide** an open space for children four and under to experience all aspects of our worship services in ways that meet their developmental and spiritual needs. All are welcome to worship alongside our youngest worshipers and their families! Please see one of the pastors or an Usher if you have any questions about the space.



## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Membership Exploration	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various rooms
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Admin Choir Rm
6:00 p.m.	WAM/Youth Group	Ed Hall

### Tuesday, April 16

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Brinson)	Room 210
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### Wednesday, April 17

7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Martin)	Room 210
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Bell Room

### Thursday, April 18

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Martin)	Room 210
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Rm

Check your Sunday and Wednesday emails or [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) for more events, activities, and Zoom links.

### SARDIS STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin, IV	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf	Associate Pastor
Kaitlyn S. Davros	Dir. of Traditional Music and Worship
John B. Nipe	Technical Arts Coordinator
Betsy Williams	Director of Youth Ministry
Amanda Hooks	Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator
Beth Williams	Contemporary Worship Leader
Susan W. Chowning	Parish Aide
Kristen Suh	Director of Weekday School
Amy Read	Financial Manager
Leigh Anne Duncan	Director of Operations
Nikki L. Bolton	Director of Communications
Danelle R. Kime	Membership & Pastoral Care Coordinator
Mark J. Slimer	Director of Facilities
Amy Lynn Claprod	Operations Assistant
J. Alfredo Mendoza	Facility Team
Dennis G. Easter	Facility Team
Sam R. Johnson	Facility Team

### PURSUING ORDINATION UNDER CARE OF SESSION:

Andrew Beals — Union Presbyterian Seminary  
Sarah Dianne Jones — Union Presbyterian Seminary

### PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS SUPPORTED:

Congo — Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley  
Haiti — Cindy Corell  
Israel-Palestine — Doug Dick  
Niger & South Sudan — Jim and Jodi McGill

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our 2024 Summer Program Guide** is now available online, as well as in the Narthex and the Gathering Place. Experience summer worship, explore your faith through different topics at summer Sunday School, be equipped to lead worship or volunteer with children, or find a mission project in which to get involved.

**Volunteer at Sardis this summer!** Help with VBS (July 8-12), SMASH (Aug 5-9) or Compassion Camp (Aug 26-30). We need volunteers to help with art, storytelling, activities, shepherding classes, preparing snacks, and more! If you can volunteer, even for just one day, contact Amanda ([amanda.hooks@sardis.org](mailto:amanda.hooks@sardis.org)).

**Registration** for summer events is open! View details and register at [sardis.org/church-events/](http://sardis.org/church-events/).

**Earth Care** needs your tin cans for an Earth Day Festival craft. Please bring your empty soup, vegetable and fruit cans to the designated bin in the Mission Corner by April 16. Ensure the top is removed, label is peeled off, and can is washed.

**The 2nd Annual Earth Day Festival** is coming April 21, and the whole community is invited to come! Enjoy live music, kids' activities, crafts, food, nature education, and more. Invite your neighbors and friends to join you from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on the South Lawn. Bring your own refillable water bottle and receive a free Earth Day sticker!

**The 2024 Officer Nominating Committee** is accepting nominations through May 1 for the next class of Elders and Deacons. Church members suggested should be committed to the mission of Sardis, demonstrate a godly character, have a teachable heart, and be team-oriented. Contact Donna Harwood, ONC Chair, at 704.577.2588 to make a nomination.

The Narthex flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

**Shirley Carson**  
by her family.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

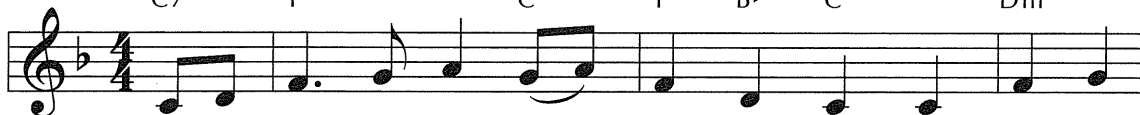
**Joe Porter and Bill Porter**  
by Lavelle and daughters Kim, Anne, and Susie.



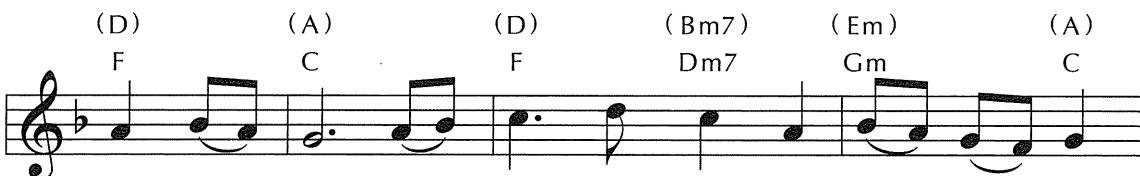
## Let Us Build a House

## All Are Welcome

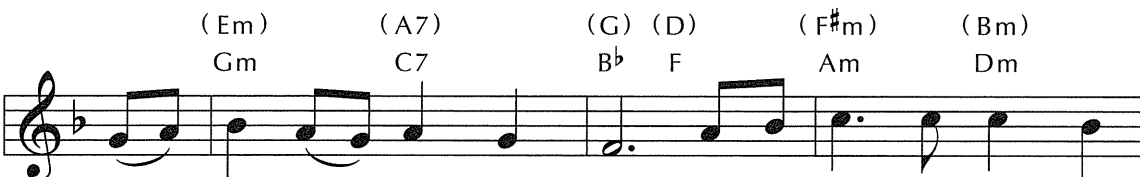
Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm



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



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



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



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.

*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) (A7)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F (C7)

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

## When Hands Reach Out and 302 Fingers Trace

D7 G C G

1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty  
2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and  
3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,  
4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the  
5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you

Em Am7 D D7 G

of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that  
praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that  
God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing  
ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that  
well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as

D7 Em C D D7 G

love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.  
hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.  
can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.  
we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.  
one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.



# 582

## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



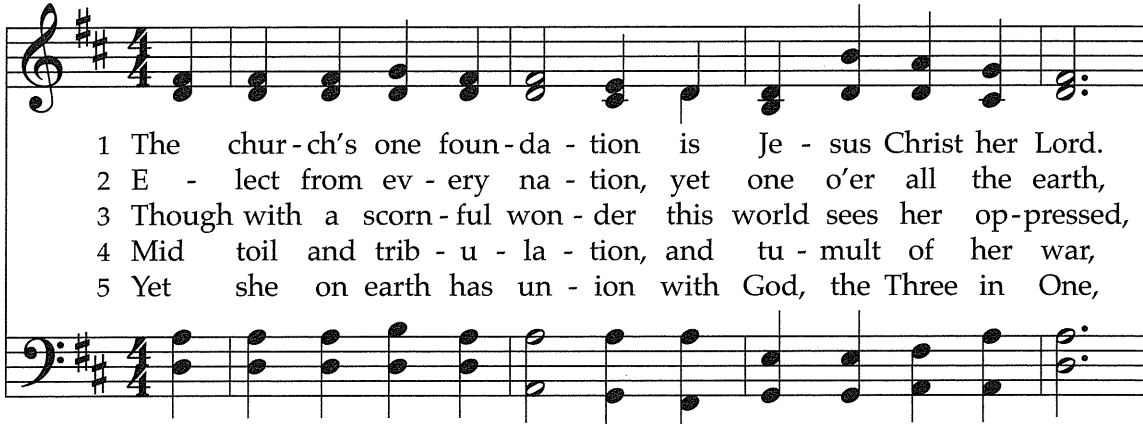
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

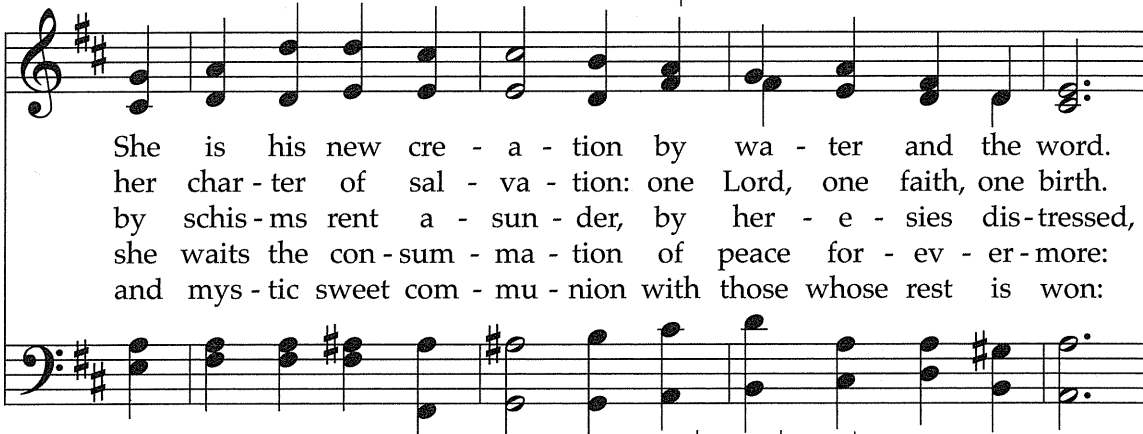


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

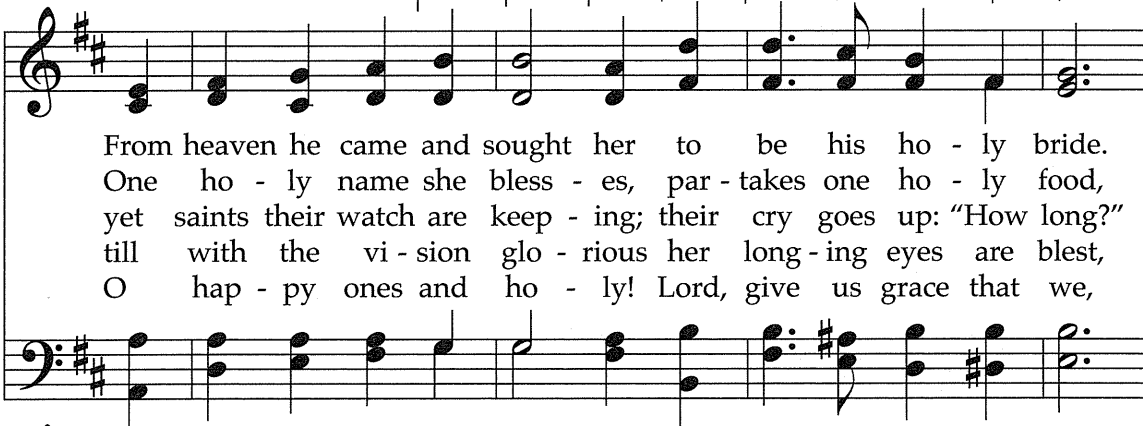
## The Church's One Foundation 321



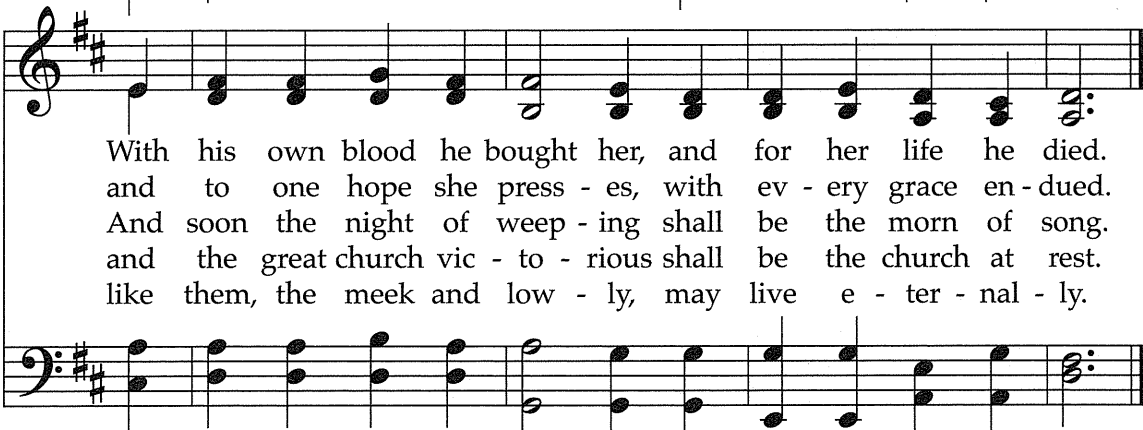
1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.  
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:  
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.  
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic-to-ri-ous shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.



# 606

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise \*him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
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# 607

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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## 733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.