



## UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing. Forgive us, Lord, if we believe that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction. Lord, have mercy on us. With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to bring all into your circle of grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER, ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART DEDICATION OF SHOEBOXES

### 558 We Are the Church

*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church to - geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to -

8 Am/G G *Fine* G

geth - er!

1. The church is not a build - ing, the
2. We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with
3. Some - times the church is march - ing, some -
4. And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's
5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re -

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558 We Are the Church

10 C

church is not a stee - ple, the  
 man - y kinds of fac - es, all  
 times it's brave - ly burn - ing, some -  
 sing - ing and there's pray - ing, there's  
 ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it and

11 D G

church is not a rest - ing place, the  
 col - ors and all a - ges, too, from  
 times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing,  
 laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times,  
 told the Good News through the world to

12 Am/C D D.C.

church is a peo - ple.  
 all times and plac - es.  
 al - ways it's learn - ing.  
 all of it say - ing:  
 all who would hear it.

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*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## SCRIPTURE

The word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ...<sup>3</sup> Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? <sup>4</sup> Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. <sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

*Haggai 2:1, 3-9*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>6</sup> And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

*2 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

<sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Job 19:23-27*

SERMON

"United States of Faith"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"  
Gilead Singers

words and music by Henry Smith  
based on Pachelbel's Canon

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine, or any substance that feels appropriate; or prayerfully take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion Bread & Cup sets contain grape juice.*

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
SHARING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP  
Communion Music, Mariah Warren

**PASTORAL PRAYER, 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**1. 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:**

**Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. 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: (Refrain)**

**3. 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: (Refrain)**



# 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

*Unison*

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Isaac Watts, 1719; stanza 2, *A Pocket Hymn Book*, 1781  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluias  
 (This tune in a lower key, 10)

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# 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.