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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

(10:30 AM) **INSTALLATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Lord, Thou Righteous God* arr.
Schreiner

STAR WORD TESTIMONIAL Tori Everhart

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

P: We come in celebration and song.

L: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

P: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

L: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

P: We come to bring them blessings upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

ALL: We come in celebration and song.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 67** (black hymnal) *Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Good and Gracious God, we confess to you that we have sought to serve two masters. The pull of the world around us is strong and hard to resist. We seek satisfaction in trying to get what the world says we should have. We seek acceptance by pursuing positions of power and prestige. We prioritize our own safety and comfort before the needs of all the children in your kingdom. We have not been faithful with what you have given us. Forgive us God. Forgive us for the things we have done and for the things that we have left undone. Forgive us for not seeking you above all that this world has to offer. We are your children, seeking your grace. Through your infinite love and care, show us the way to be faithful disciples in your kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 42 (black hymnal, v. 1) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ALL SING: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Luke 16: 1-13

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 553 (black hymnal)

There Is A Balm in Gilead

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

performed by Braden Bicher & Jordan Bicher

Shout to the Lord with How Great Thou Art

by Zschech & Hine, arr. Koerts

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30AM) **INSTALLATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Cora Beyer & Sydney Cooper

COVENANT

L: Members of this household of faith . . . Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

P: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Slideshow ~ *Altar in the World*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 401 (black hymnal, v. 2)

O God in Whom All Life Begins

ALL SING: Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts. So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 400** (black hymnal)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Finale

by Correll

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of their marriage (today!) by Olivia & Denny Daugherty.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in memory of Robert A. Minnich by Barbara Minnich and family.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Austin Allison's 24th birthday by Mom & Dad.

Today during the 10:30 AM worship service we will install two new Youth Council Members; Cora Beyer and Sydney Cooper. We will honor the service of Carter Beyer and Mason DeMers at the end of the year.

Thank you to Braden Bicher and Jordan Bicher for performing our special music today.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Acolyte: Ellery Wagaman

8 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Welcome Team: Tom & Carol Bair, Norman & Ivy Leach

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Dave, Steph, Carter, Cora & Layla Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Kollasch

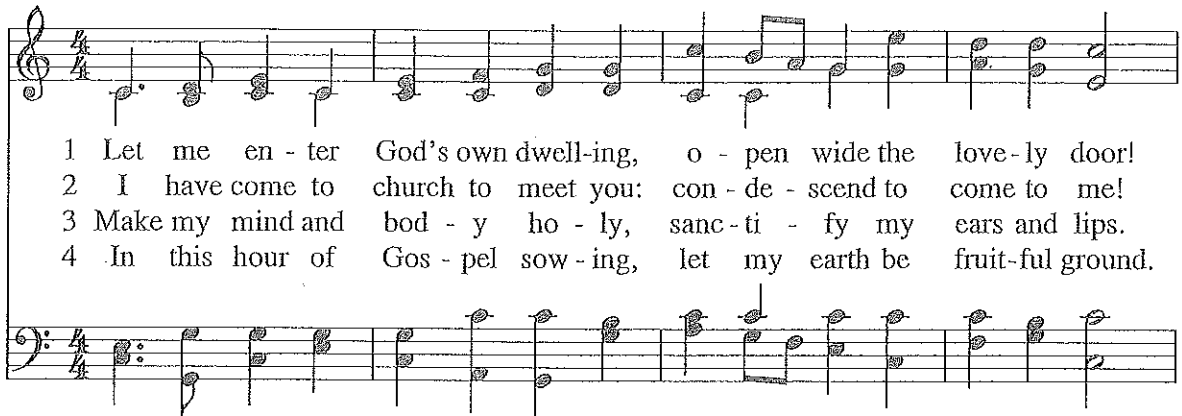
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

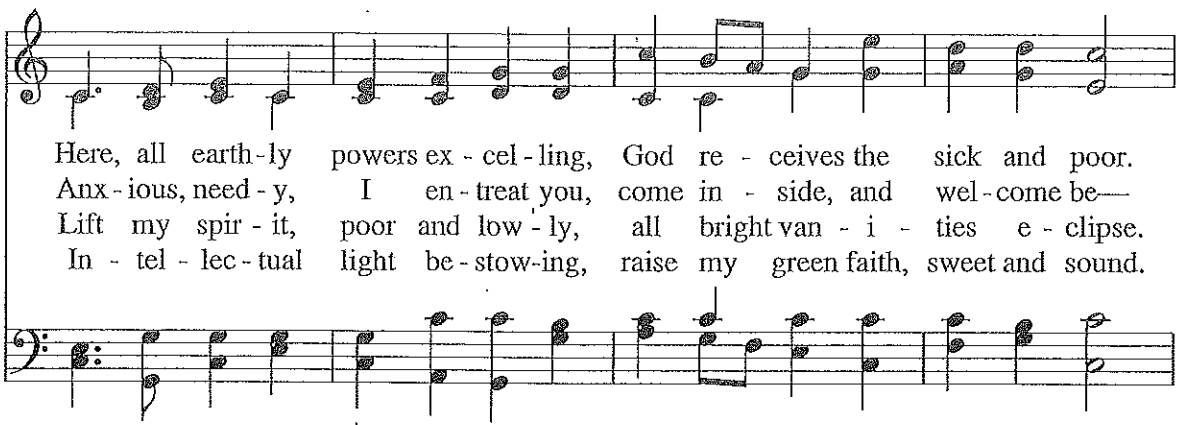
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

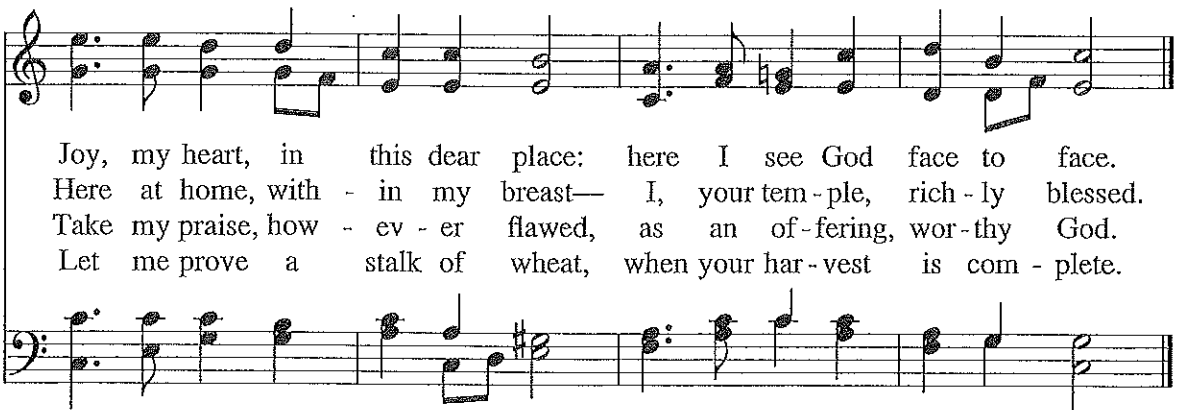
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*Benjamin Schmolck, 1732**Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993*


1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
 2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
 3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
 4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
 Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
 Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
 In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
 Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
 Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
 Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

5 Re - in - force me, weak and fail - ing,
 mak - ing sure your pre - cious word—
 (Thieves and e - vil un - a - vail - ing)—
 lives with - in my heart se - cured.
 Shin - ing word, my star - ry guide,
 plant - ed for me, deep in - side.

6 Let me hear when you com - mand me,
 let me leap to do your will.
 When I wan - der, rep - ri - mand me,
 com - fort me when I lie ill.
 In the hour of si - lent dread,
 feed me with your heav - en - ly bread.

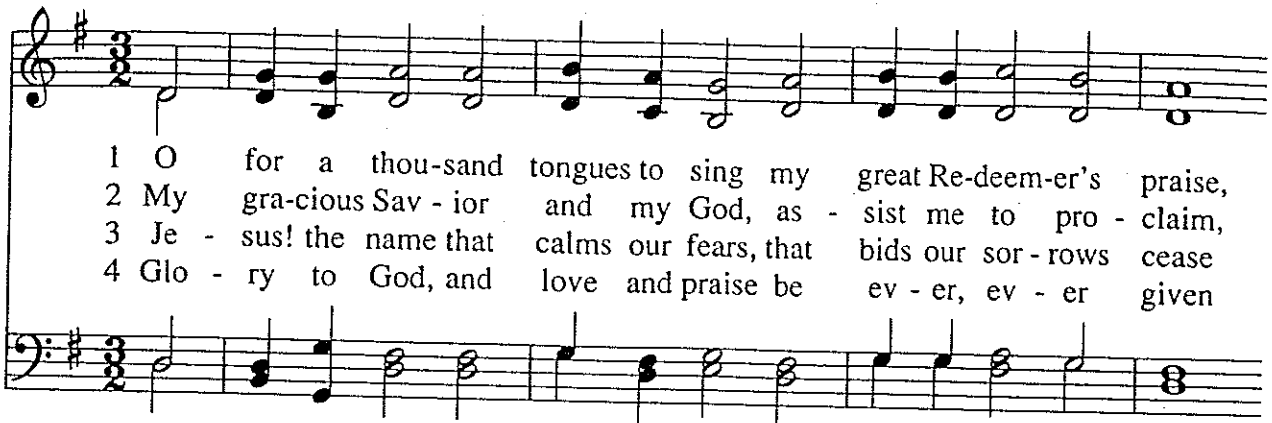
A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Joachim Neander, 1680

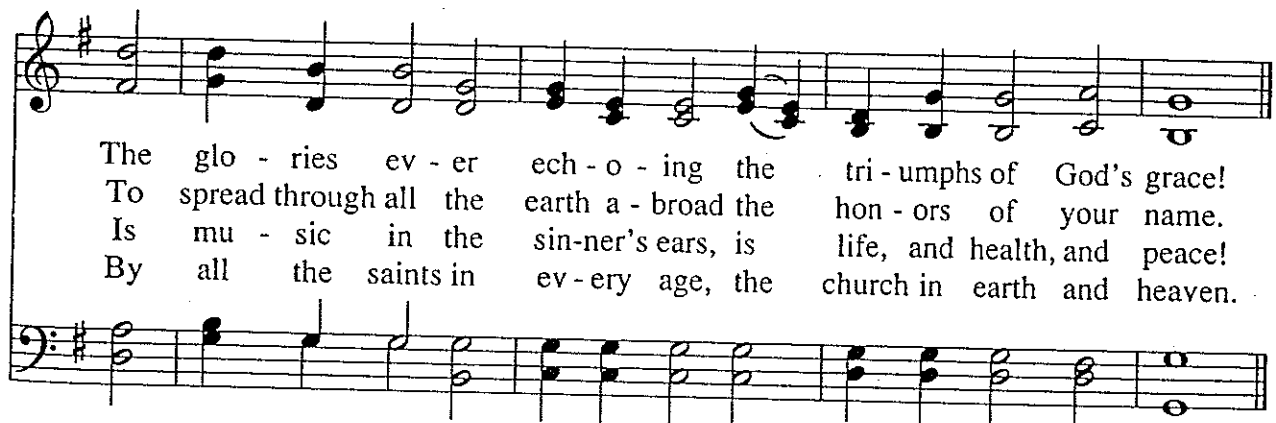
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.**Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

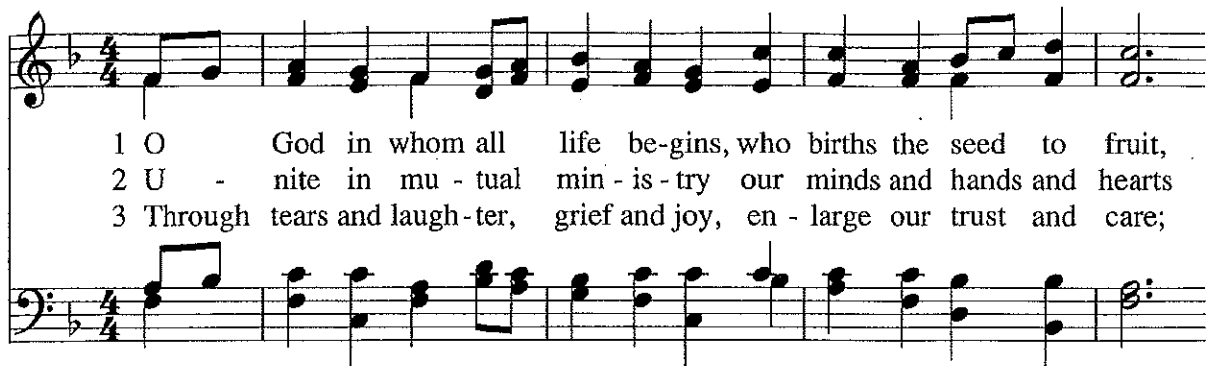
But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

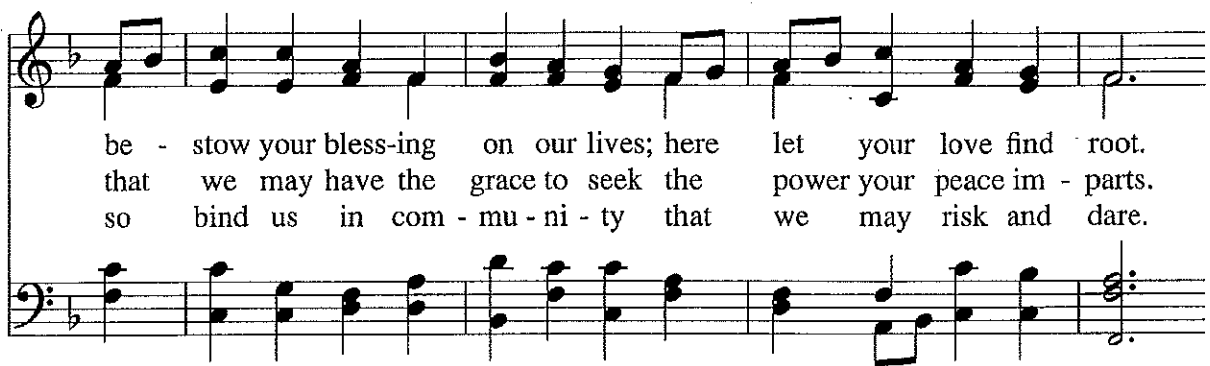
Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual

O God in Whom All Life Begins

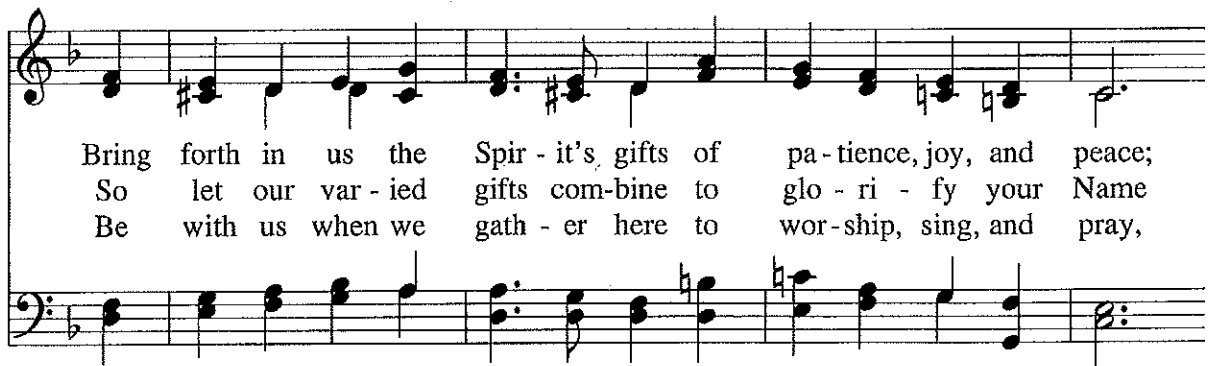
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992


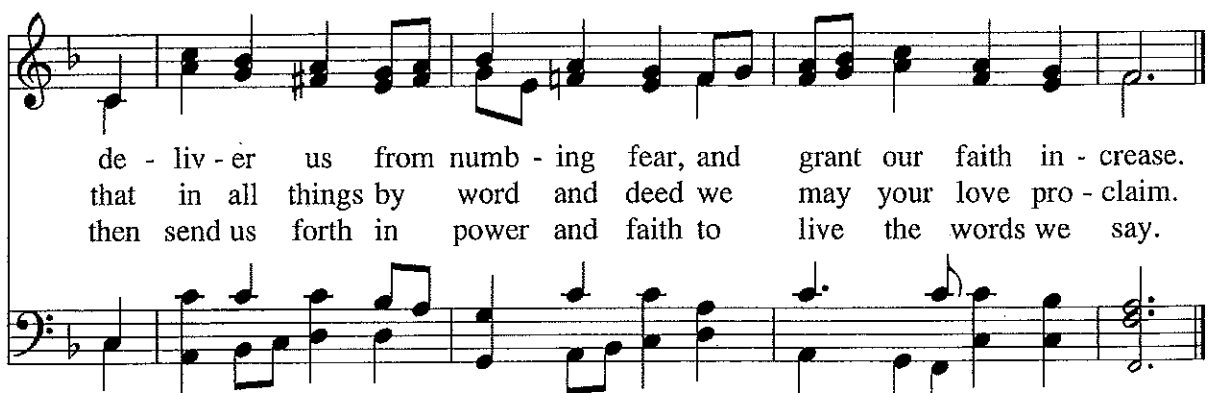
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY