

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** *“Rejoice the Lord is King”* by John Darnwall

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**Call to Worship** (1 John 4:7-9, 13)

Beloved, let us love one another,

**Because love is from God;**

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

God’s love was revealed among us in this way:

**God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through Christ.**

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us,

**Because God has given us the Spirit.**

Let us love one another and join in worship of our God,

**For God is love.**

**\*Hymn** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”* *New Century Hymnal #4*

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Mystery of Mysteries, help us to seek Your wisdom by living into Your truth, and Your truth is found in the love we have for one another. May our love be fearless. May our love be without judgment. May our love call us into Your ways of justice, Your ways of practicing kindness, and Your ways of building peace. Mystery of Mysteries, we only know You in a glimpse; but we know You most fully in the abiding love we have for one another, a love that comes only from You, who gave Your life for us. Amen.**

**Anthem** *“Simple Gifts”* Shaker Hymn arr. by David Dusing

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**Scripture** 1 John 4:7-21 **Carol Hacker**

**A Time for All God’s Children** *Be Love*

**\*Hymn** *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”* *New Century Hymnal #498*

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**Sermon** *“Cultivating Love”* **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

**Music of Reflection**

## Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and 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.*

### Prayer Response

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### Call to Offering

#### Offertory

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below  
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**God, receive these gifts - and give us open hands. Fill our lives – and give us open hearts. Touch us with your word – and give us open minds. Bless this church – and give us open doors. Amen.**

#### \*Hymn

*“Let Us Build a House”*

*Please see insert*

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### Benediction

**Benediction Response**

*“The Lord Bless You” by Peter C Lutkin*

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### Postlude

Worship Liturgy: [www.re-o-lution.org](http://www.re-o-lution.org); Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain  
Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their  
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our  
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.  
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

*This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.*

Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain  
 Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969  
 Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

# Let Us Build a House

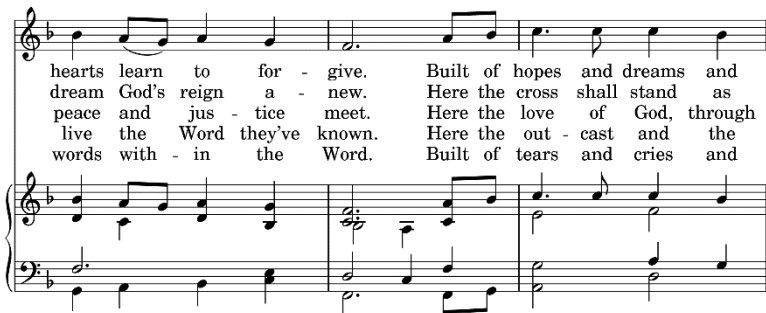
All Are Welcome



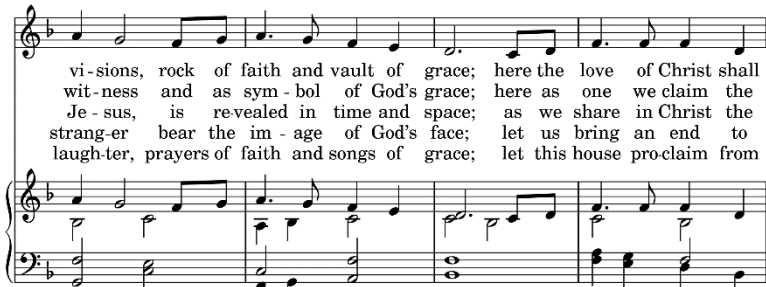
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



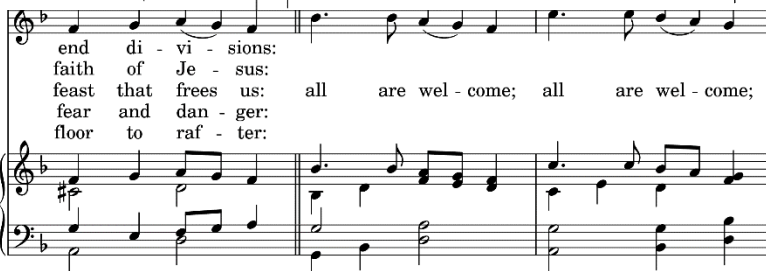
live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the  
Je - sus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:  
faith of Je - sus:  
feast that frees us: all are wel - come; all are wel - come;  
fear and dan - ger:  
floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come in this place.