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Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



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HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

***Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time &
Reformation Sunday***

October 30th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** I Will Call Upon the Lord #621

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 143)**

One: Hear our prayers, O Lord; give ear to our supplications in your faithfulness;

All: Answer us in your righteousness.

One: Don't judge us harshly God.

All: Our hearts are appalled.

One: We think about all your deeds; We meditate on the works of your hands.

All: We stretch out our hands to you; our souls thirst for you like a parched land.

One: Teach us the ways we should go.

All: Save us in your steadfast love.

***HYMN** Great God of Every Blessing #694

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God, you are holy. You've made us in your image out of love.

We praise you that we get to be your church and follow your word. We confess that we don't always look like followers of your Son, Jesus. We confess that sometimes we hang our heads. Help us to boast in our faith. Help us to share all of the wonderful ways in which you are at work in the world and our lives. Forgive our shame and everything associated with it. May we continue following Christ in both word and deed and may we be proud of you and your church. In the name of Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "Christ be with you." In response you may say "And also with you!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. In person, say hello to others and connect.)

RESPONSE (Choir will lead, congregation responds)

He Came Down #137

Children may come forward during this song for Time with Children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Laura Foote

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM I Will Sing my Praise to the Lord

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathy Nelson
Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

SERMON "Bragging About Church: Sola Fide"
New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12

***APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: 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. 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.

***HYMN** A Mighty Fortress is Our God #275

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** Give Thanks Alex Sandor #647

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who gives us a faith to boast about, we offer all our gifts to you: Our lives, our passions, and more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our lives with clarity as we serve and love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside find in us good friends and companions on the journey. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. May we live with your peace. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your endless and boundless joy. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

Prayers to be Shared Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

*CLOSING HYMN Let Us Build a House
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

#301

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 10/30

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
Coffee Hour—Joan, Kirsten, and Connie
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 10/31

4 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Cub Scouts
7:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 11/1

3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball
4:30 PM Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 11/2

9:30 AM PW Meeting
12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Deacons Meeting
6 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 11/3

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 11/4

Bazaar Set Up

SATURDAY 11/5

9 AM—1 PM Fall Fling Bazaar
6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

Birthdays This Week

10/31 Grayson Prange
11/1 Jonathon Jay Okash
11/3 Adalia Pauna
11/3 Trace Topping
11/4 Peter Christean
11/5 Kjersten Lisak
11/5 Kathy Nelson

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5
December 4

Fall Fling Bazaar
DS3 Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together. Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Time with Children portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

CONFIRMATION

Our 2022-2023 Confirmation class will begin today, October 30! Our first meeting will be an introduction for students, parents and grandparents to learn more about what our journey will entail. Students currently and not currently attending UPC are welcome to join. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested in joining this year please reach out to Laura at the service or by sending an e-mail to: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every second Sunday of the month there is a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies. Our next one will be on November 13.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Our first gathering will be today, following church. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

COME JOIN US!

The Bell Choir is looking for a new member. If you would like to join this great group, please contact Jane. Also, the Chancel Choir has empty seats. We'd love to fill them all and add more. Please give it a try. Show up for practice at 8:45 Sunday morning!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

VOLLEYBALL

We had 8 for volleyball on Sunday. We had a very close game, with good sets and spikes. Setting a teammate up for a spike is what volleyball is, a team game!

There will be no Volleyball on November 6th!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Every Tuesday- Pickleball from 4-6 PM

Every Sunday- Volleyball from 6-7:30 PM

November 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th- Pictures for Church Directory
Would you like a family or individual photo to be included in our church directory? The Fellowship and Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we will have a photographer available to snap your picture after church each Sunday in November. If you are unable to make it to get your picture taken in person, you may send one to unitedpresbyterian-church@gmail.com however we would prefer to have as many taken in person as possible.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women are planning their church wide Fall Fling Bazaar for Saturday, November 5, 2022. The hours will be from 9am-1pm. Our little Cafe will offer coffee and treats for sale throughout the day. Mark your calendars and begin to knit, craft or bake up a storm! Please bring your "bazaar" items to church the day before the sale, Friday, November 4th. We'll begin to set up the bazaar at 9am, Friday and welcome your help.

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards have been sent out. Please keep your eye out for them and turn them in as soon as you are able. Our goal is to have all pledge cards collected by today, October 30th so we can get our budget rolling for 2023! There are extra pledge cards available at the back of the Narthex.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Our All Saints Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 6th. We would love to remember and honor any person that has been meaningful to you who has passed. Please fill out the forms available at the back of the Narthex and turn them in to the office or the offering plate.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

Reformation Sunday: October 30

40 YEARS of BELHAR

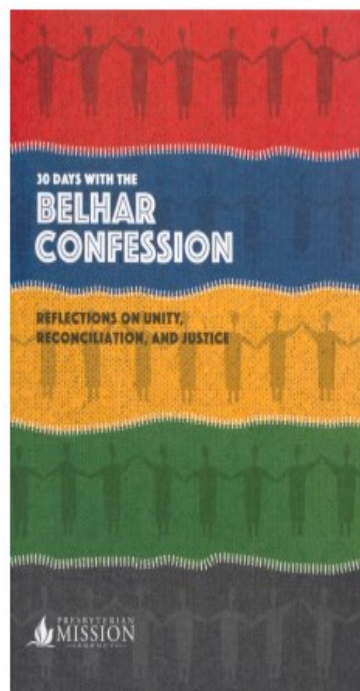
Forty years ago, the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) in South Africa adopted Belydenis van Belhar—the Confession of Belhar—in its first reading. Belhar was an outgrowth of the DRMC's effort to grapple with the church's participation in and defense of apartheid and touches prominently on themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice. The DRMC adopted Belhar in its final form in 1986.

Although the Confession of Belhar is inextricably connected to its South African context, its message extends far beyond. The PC(USA) describes Belhar as a powerful statement of belief for the Christian faith that, in part, bears witness to the gift of unity and the church's obligation to it.

Interest in Belhar grew internationally around 2006, including among reformed traditions in the United States, where the PC(USA) established the Special Committee on the Confession of Belhar. On the recommendation of this Special Committee, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approved the inclusion of Belhar in the Book of Confessions because of the clarity of its witness and its capacity to serve as a model for the PC(USA) to “speak and act with similar clarity at a time when it faces division, racism, and injustice.”

The Confession of Belhar is a unique voice among the predominantly European and North American confessions. It elevates the witness of Reformed Christians living under different circumstances and serves, even now, as a springboard to discuss its key themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice within a wide range of current issues.

For more Reformation Sunday resources, visit www.history.pcusa.org/rs



 **PRESBYTERIAN**
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The National Archives of the PC(USA)

Confession of Belhar

September 1986¹

1. We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

2. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;
- that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;

- that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;
- which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;
- which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;
- which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

3. We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

4. We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

5. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Note

1. This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA).

I Will Call upon the Lord 621

Part 1 (melody) D G D G D G

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

Part 2 (echo)

I will call up-on the Lord

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

I will call up-on the Lord.

saved from my en-e-mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

Refrain D G D G

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

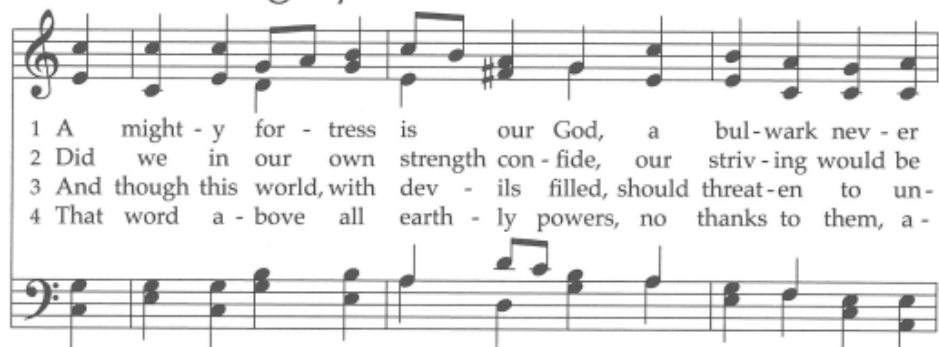
1 Great God of ev-ery bless-ing, of faith-ful, lov-ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal-va-tion, the source of end-less grace,
3 Your Spir-it is our teach-er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good-ness, the dai-ly bread we share.
in death and life ex-tend-ing your cov-e-nant em-brace.
trans-form-ing bro-ken peo-ple in-to the ho-ly church.

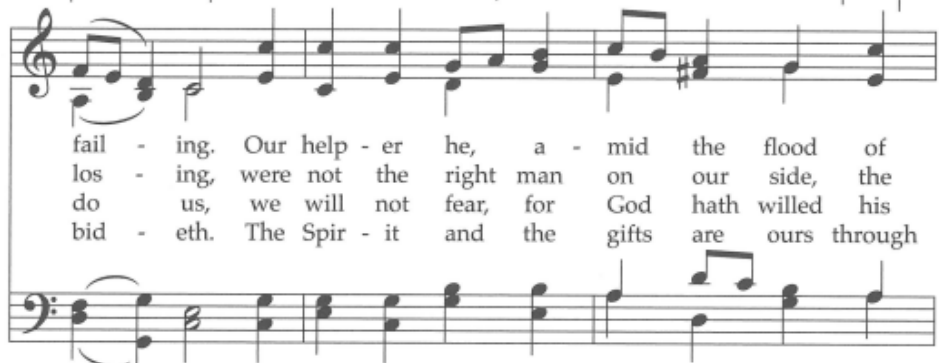
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod-y; each mem-ber has a part:
For feed-ing us with mer-cy, for wis-dom you im-part:

sin-cere-ly and com-plete-ly I of-fer you my heart.

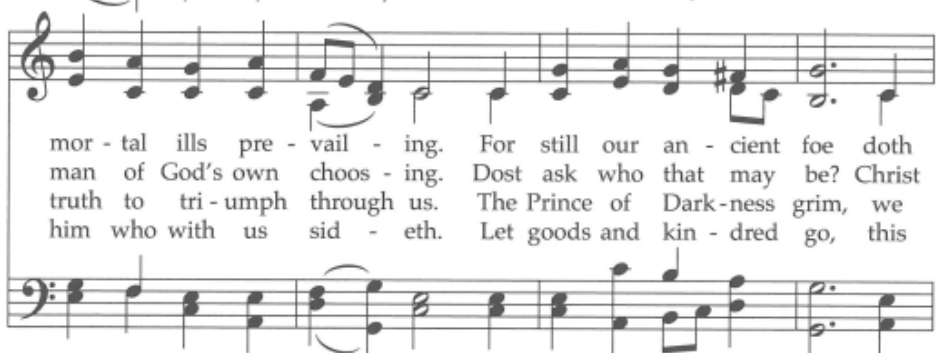
275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



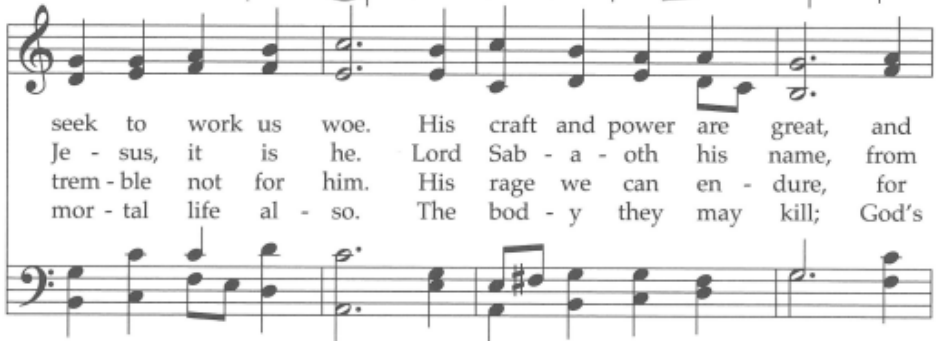
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



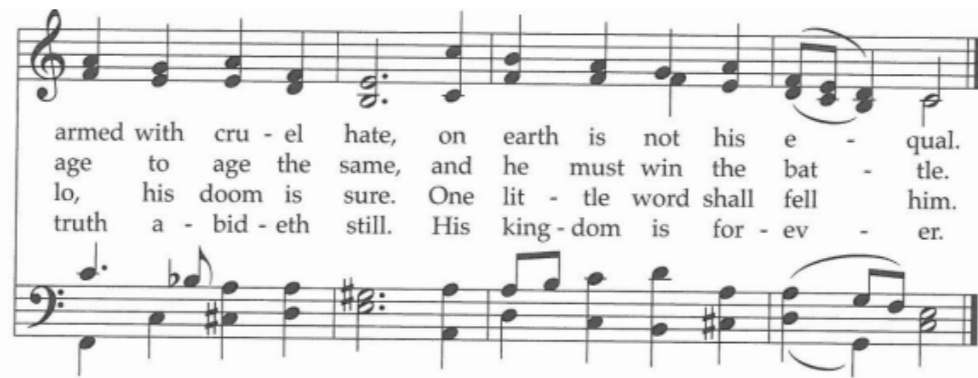
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b 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

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

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

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

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

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

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

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b 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^b F (C7)

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