

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people. Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

Gathering Music

Prelude"He's Waiting For You"

Cynthia Griesedieck

By Ron Loree

Welcome April Alston

† Call to Worship

† Opening Song

"Let Us Build a House"

TWO OAKS;

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

During the last stanza of our Opening Song, all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

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

Offertory Anthem

"My Good Lord's Done Been Here"

GBC Choir arr. Mos

ere" Traditional Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan, adapt. Rollo Dilworth

Refrain:

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul and gone away,

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul and gone.

Never did I think that He was so nigh,

blest my soul and gone;

He spoke and He made me laugh and cry,

blest my soul and gone.

(Refrain)

Sinner, better mind how you walk on the cross, blest my soul and gone; Your foot might slip and your soul gets lost, blest my soul and gone.

(Refrain)

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul and gone away. My good Lord's done been here and blest my soul, blest my soul, Blest my soul and gone.

† Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD;

Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt., Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

† Prayer of Dedication

Chris Austin

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:7-21

Cathy Perkinson

Sermon

When You Pray...

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

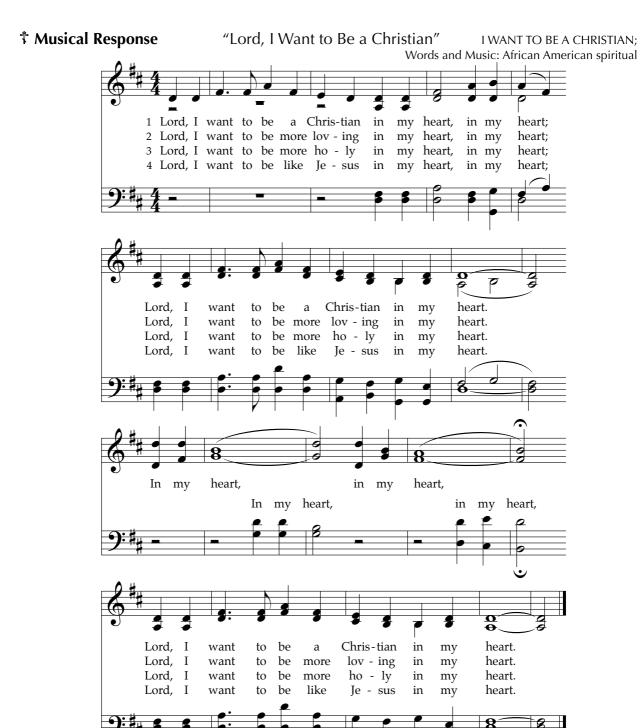
Silent Reflection

Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson, Christian McIvor

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson



Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
Pam Weis

Jamaican Folk Tune; adapted by Doreen Potter, setting by John A. Behnke

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