ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude (*Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn *All are welcome* **See insert**

The Word of God

Presider: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People: **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria **Hymnal 1982, #S-280**

The Lessons

The First Reading **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 1**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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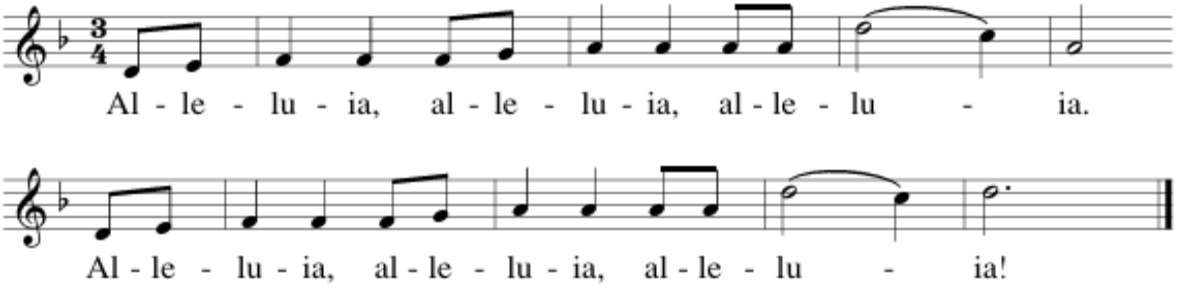
Thanks be to God.

(Sung before and after the Gospel)

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The Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**
(10:00am) *Sing a New Song* - Schutte **Chancel Choir**

<u>Nicene Creed</u>

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition, the response is "Your mercy is great."

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Presider and People: **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to

sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love* **Hymnal 1982, #602**

Offertory Response **Hymnal 1982, #366 (vs 4)**

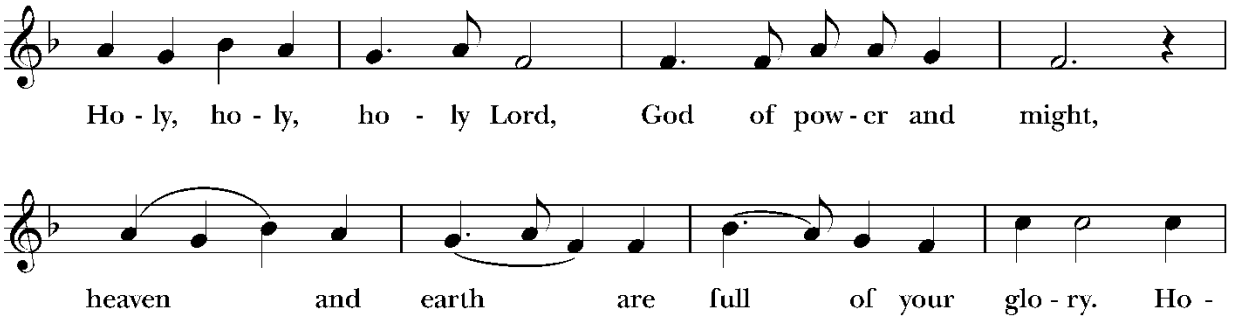
Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

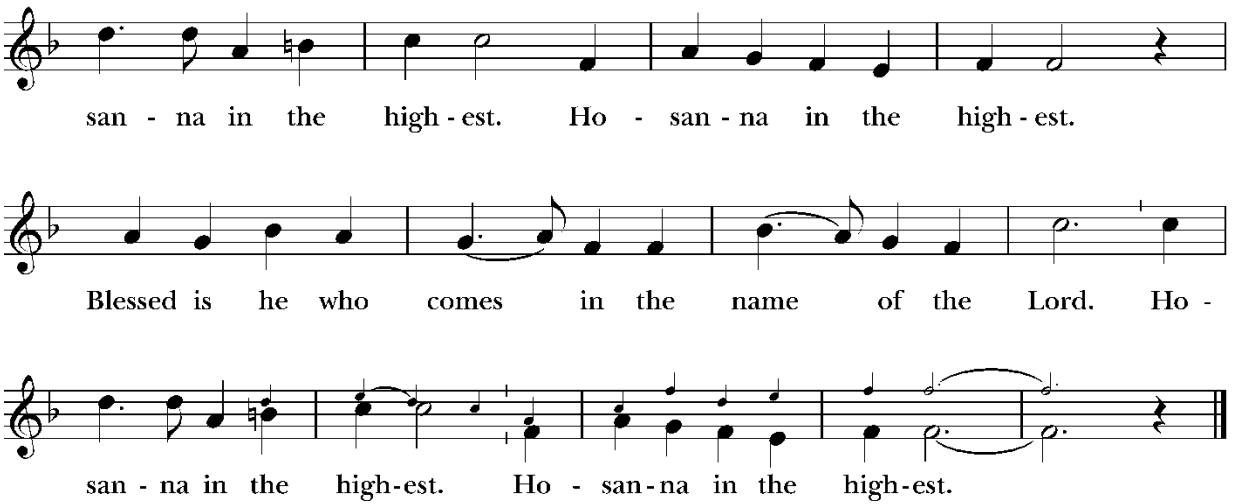
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant……lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Proulx*





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The Presider continues.
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God……Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing

your arms over one's chest.
Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.
For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are Not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Love divine all love's excelling* **Hymnal 1982, #657**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Margaret C., Sean C., Andy E., Debbie H., Elise K., Pauline K., Velma

K., Aggy K., Keith L., Colin L., Lea M., Harry M., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Rev. Mary P., Ralph P., Terrance, Janet V. M., Roy W., Suzie W., Jan Y., Lynette Y., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Peter D., Sue J., Sim K., Natalia P., Franklin P., Patricia S., Joshua & Avril Z., and Tim Y.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal and on the continent. If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare at tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions.

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.

The November Newsletter is out! Read about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities that are happening around the Square. Pick up your copy today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahal Nui Loa to EVERYONE who has been so generous with their time and talents over the last month: to all those who helped with the "Grubby Sundays", and with the Pet Blessing and the Presentation and dinner on October 11th. And to everyone who helped with the funeral and luncheon yesterday for Lee Ann Yuen.

There are several upcoming events that need help where Volunteers will also be needed!

- **Saturday, November 7**: Funeral for Harley Clark: parking and Parish Hall set-up.
- **Friday, November 13**: Lunch for Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe: Parish Hall set-up and servers for lunch (lunch is for Clergy and by invitation only).

If you would like to help with any of these events, please email: stpetershonoluluoffice @gmail.com.

Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Day. We will lift up in prayer and remembrance our loved ones who have passed away over the past year. If you have

an ’ohana member you would like remembered during the service, please email Pastor Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com by **Tuesday, October 27**.

Help with Disaster Relief! The Kona Lows, Hurricane Lala, and Hurricane Lowell have brought great devastation to the Hawaiian Islands. If you would like to aid in the relief effort, monetary donations can be sent to the following address: **The Episcopal Church in Hawai‘i, ATTN: Disaster Response Fund, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813** or scan/click the QR code. Together, we can make a difference and help our friends and neighbors in need. Mahalo for your help!

The Ordination and Consecration of the 6th Bishop of Hawai'I, Rev. Elizabeth “Libby” Berman is November 14 and will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, will be the Chief Consecrator. A reception will follow. RSVP is required for the Consecration and Reception.

Donations are now being accepted to assist with gifts, décor, and the reception (excess funds go to the Bishops’ Vestment Fund). Please scan the QR code to donate. For more details, visit episcopalhawaii.org/ordination-sixth-bishop.html.

Join us in supporting our neighbors this holiday season! Our annual Thanksgiving Drive for Parents and Children Together (PACT) at The Towers at Kuhio Park is now underway. PACT delivers essential programs and care to local families facing hardship. We are accepting monetary donations through **November 29**. You can give online via the St. Peter’s website, or by cash/check payable to *St. Peter’s Episcopal Church* (please note **“PACT”** on your check).

There will be a special worship service for Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 pm at St Andrews Cathedral followed by a barbeque here at St. Peter's. The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, will be present, and the Right Reverend Ann Ritonia, Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministry of the Episcopal Church will be a special guest at the service.

The Funeral for Harly Clark will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 11:00 am. A reception will follow. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and for the reception. If you can help, please call or email the office.

Did you receive your Giving Statement? The 3rd quarter Giving Statements were emailed to everyone who made a pledge for 2026. If you did not receive your statement, please call the church office and let us know.

Please join us for the first Sunday of the month **Coffee Hour** next week after worship services. The 7:30am service will be hosted by Beth Chang and the 10:00am service will be hosted by Nani Ho and Rae Gorman.

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn opens the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is **"The Greatest Commandment."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Plenty Good Room

Welcome to our Plenty Good Room season of stewardship! Between now and the end of November, we'll reflect on God's abundance and our call to make space for all. There is room for everyone at God's table.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight and Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Beez Zane
	(10:00am)	Bob Swanson
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Fr. Frank and Norma Chun
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Cheryl Bochentin, Ann Ho, Rosa Dayao, Haroldwyn Chang
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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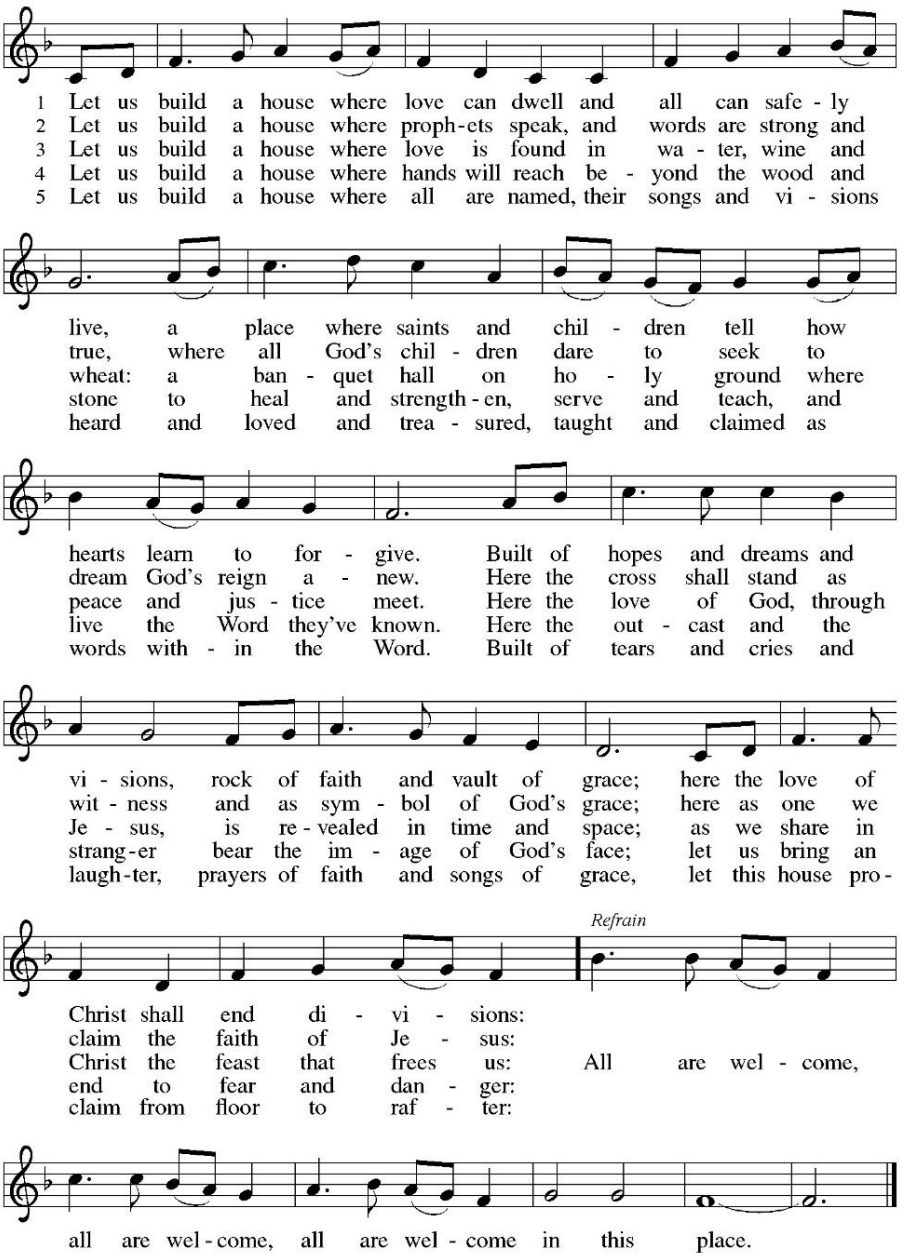
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