



## In Preparation for Worship

“The Christian faith is eschatological, always leaning into the future, standing on tiptoes, eager to see what God is bringing to birth among us.” – William H. Willimon

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).*

## The Light of the Hour

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected*

## Hymn #402\*

How Lovely, Lord

*\*Hymn sheets are located at the end of the bulletin.*

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you. Let us pray...

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

### Sermon

Rebuilding

David Lower

### Musical Reflection

What is This Place?

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

### Prayers of the People and The 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.

### Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

### Hymn #301\*

Let Us Build a House

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### Benediction

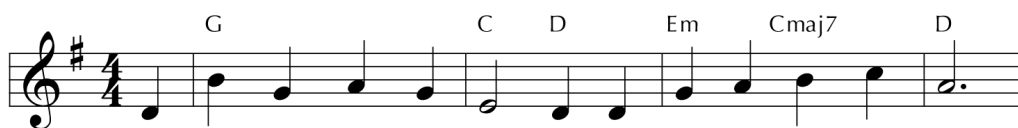
### Postlude

GATHERING

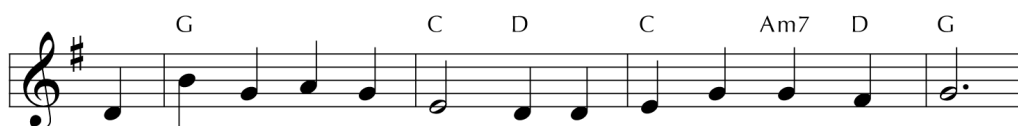
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# How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



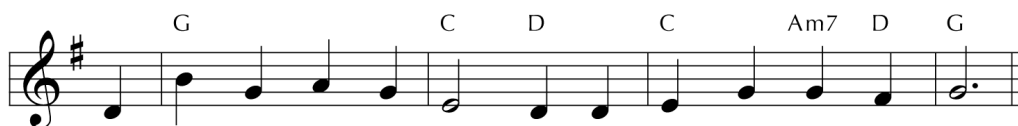
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;  
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.  
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.  
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;  
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord  
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

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# 301 Let Us Build a House

## All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup>

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

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> 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)  
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

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