



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

October 26, 2025



Solomon Dedicates the Temple at Jerusalem, James Tissot

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Ar hyd y nos” by David Lasky

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Huber-Plano

God does not dwell in houses made by human hands.

But God is here.

God cannot be contained by temples or traditions.

But God still meets us in worship.

Today, we remember the church reformed and always reforming.

Let us open our hearts to the living Spirit of God.

Come, let us worship.

*HYMN # 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

Even the most beautiful buildings cannot hide our brokenness. Let us come honestly before God, who sees and forgives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

Eternal God, we confess that we try to box You in: into our buildings, our systems, even our expectations. We trust structures more than Your Spirit. We value control more than transformation. Forgive us, Holy One. Break open our hearts so You can dwell fully within us. Reform our ways, and renew Your church. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

The good news is this: God's mercy is not limited by walls or rules. It finds us. It frees us. It fills us. Friends, believe the good news in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 722

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

***O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o’erflow in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show***

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

**May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Huber-Plano

Spirit of the Living God, break through the words we read today. Move us from foundation stones to living stones. Open us to something new. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 5:1–5; 8:1–13

Sharon Huber-Plano

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, “You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’”

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.

The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon said,

“The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.
I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell forever.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Chancel Choir

by Gilbert M. Martin

*Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
Amen, amen.*

SERMON

“A Dwelling Not Made by Hand”

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Solomon built a temple to honor God. We offer our gifts, not to contain God,
but to make space for God's presence in our world today.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

OFFERTORY

“Blessing” by Jane Marshall

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 608 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise triune God, whom we adore*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Holy God, use these gifts to build not walls, but bridges. Not monuments, but movements. May they create space for Your Spirit to dwell among us and beyond us. Amen.

*HYMN # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Festive Postlude” by James Conely

Valerie Adelung

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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

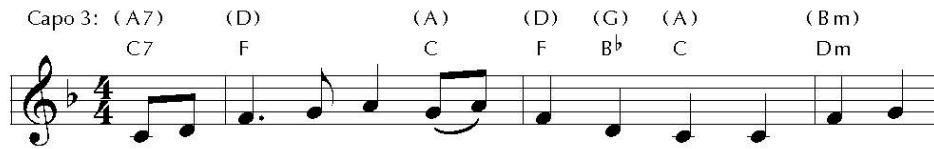
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

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

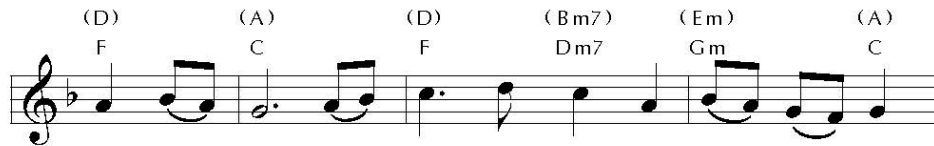
Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

Let Us Build a House

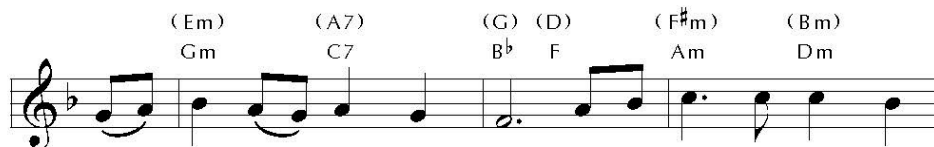
All Are Welcome



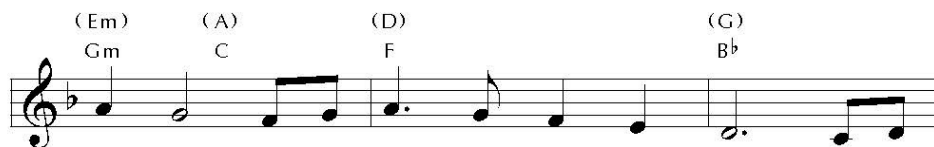
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



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

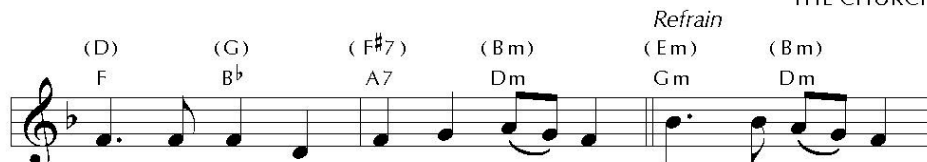


how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



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

THE CHURCH



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:



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

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.