

**April 21, 2024**

**Eastertide: The Challenges of Building Community**

**Gathering**

VT Hymn 36 *Let Us Build a House*

Call to worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT Hymn 44 *We Long to Know Her*

Peace Lamp

L: Beloved, let us love one another

**P: For God is love, and love casts out fear.**

**Offering ourselves and our money**

Offering: VT Hymn 412 *My Soul Cries Out*

**Telling God's Story**

Scripture Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10

L: The stories of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

Children's time

*Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, following that there is child care available. Children 4-11 are invited to come up for children's time.*

Sermon

**Sharing our Stories**

VT Hymn #85 *Heleluyan*

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

**Sending**

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

VT Hymn 705 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Benediction

*If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.*

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Glenn Gilbert; Song Leader: Kate Roth; Musicians: Hannah Lehman; Scripture Reader: Steven Johns; Children's time: Sean and Becky Smuts; Sermon: Richard Hughes, Pastoral sharing and prayer: Karl Shelly; Tech Crew: Eric Good Kaufmann, Phil Good-Elliot; Visuals: "Untitled Triptych" by Sonya Mateer Rempel.

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Following first hour worship:

There is Sunday school for all ages of children and youth. Classroom locations are posted in the Gathering Space.

Adults: Please come back to the Worship Space for Second Hour with Richard Hughes. Electives are not meeting this week.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and an ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils.

# 36 Let Us Build a House

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TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A)  
C7 F C F B♭ C

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

(Bm) (D) (A) (D) (Bm7)  
Dm F C F Dm7

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine, and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone to heal and streng - then,  
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

(Em) (A) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
Gm C Gm C7 B♭ F

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

(F#m) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)  
Am Dm Gm C F

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

(G) (D) (G) (F#7) (Bm)  
B♭ F B♭ A7 Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

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Refrain (Em) (Bm) (F#m) (Em)  
Gm Dm Am Gm

all are wel - come, all are wel - come,

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
F Gm C7 F B♭ F

all are wel - come in this place.



# We Long to Know Her

STAR IN THE EAST 11.10.11.10 D

Gm Dm Cm Dm

1 We long to know her, the mak - er of heav - en,  
 2 We long to hear her, bold thun - der of heav - en:  
 3 We long to see you, veiled won - der of heav - en:

Gm Dm Gm

knit - ter of sin - ews and plant - er of grains,  
 voice a - mong voic - es that sum - mon the soul;  
 hid - den from view, be re - vealed in the light.

Dm Cm Dm

guard - ian of sheep and the found - er of vine - yards:  
 with - out her pres - ence, there is no com - plete - ness,  
 O - pen our eyes to your wis - dom a - round us;

Gm Dm Gm

she is the strong - hold who gen - tly sus - tains.  
 with her un - heard, heav - en can - not be whole.  
 au - thor of beau - ty, en - liv - en our sight.

Bb F Gm

She is the sculp - tor who carved earth from dark - ness,  
 We know her laugh - ter is pierc - ing the cos - mos;  
 Heart of the ho - ly and hands of the sa - cred,

Bb F Gm Dm(no3)

ar - chi - tect build - ing cre - a - tion from dust.  
 we know she jud - ges in - jus - tice on earth.  
 god - head u - nit - ing com - pas - sion and might:

Gm Dm Cm Dm

She is the pot - ter who formed us and made us,  
 Shel - ter and shield of the hope - less and help - less,  
 bear - ing your like - ness, im - pa - tient to greet you,

Gm Dm Gm(no3)

gave us her breath, and now years for our trust.  
 from her we learn of our in - fi - nite worth.  
 we come to wor - ship in awe and de - light!



# My Soul Cries Out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN 9.8.10.8 D with refrain



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you  
ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
hun - gry poor shall weep no more for the food they can  
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which



did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your



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jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Text: based on Luke 1:46-55; Rory Cooney (USA)  
Music: Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney  
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# Heleluyan

HELELUYAN Irregular

Canon

1 2 3 4



He - le - lu - yan,\* he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

\*Translated *Hallelujah*, this song is associated with the Trail of Tears.

Text: Muscogee (Creek, USA); Hebrew traditional; הַלְלוּ יְהוָה (Hallelujah) (Mediterranean), ca. 4th c. BC

Music: Muscogee (Creek) traditional; transcr. Charles H. Webb (USA), © 1989 United Methodist Publishing House (admin. Music Services)

# For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind. For our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

For a higher key, see "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (#265).

\*Alternate tune: FROM THE DEPTHS (#157)

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