

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"There is a time for departure,
even when there's no certain place to go."*

-Tennessee Williams

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 11, 2018 10 a.m.

Welcome

House of Hope welcomes all who worship here today. Our caring and active community welcomes you. We extend the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here.

Today's Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **We invite you to join us for refreshments**, including fair trade Peace Coffee, served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

Today's Schedule for Children

Professional childcare is provided for infants through age 3 from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the East wing of the building.

- Infants to 18 months | Room 8
- Toddlers 19 months to 3 years | Room 2
- PreK through 4th grade are invited to the East Wing after the Time for Children.
- 5th and 6th graders are invited to Room 17 following the sermon.
- Creative Expressions (PreK through 5th grade) | Dining Rooms A&B at 11:15 a.m.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from ushers. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device to the table after the worship service.

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at hohchurch.org. Copies of past sermons are available at the church's Welcome Centers and in the rack across from the Assembly Room.

The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

The yellow Pastoral Concerns cards provide a way to alert the staff to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Please use them, and place them in the offering plate or give them to a minister. This is a way to keep us informed about the life of our members.

If you would like a pastor to call on you in the hospital, or if you are ill at home and would like a visit, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a visit, please contact the church.

Are you visiting?

Thank you for choosing to worship at House of Hope. Visitors are invited to sign the Friendship registration pad. Please include an email or street address so we can tell you about worship, mission, and events at The House of Hope. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Meditation on *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
Aaron David Miller, organist

Introit

I Will Bless the Lord Eric Thiman
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

* + Processional Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

Call to Confession (congregation seated) — Julia A. Carlson

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Cantor:

Be with us now O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

Congregation:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an-swer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to to live in your light, and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy u-pon us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy u-pon us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* + Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise



God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Anthem

God So Loved the World.....John Stainer

God so loved the world,
That he gave his only begotten Son,
That who so believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission — Peace and Justice Committee — Derek Robb

————— **THE WORD OF GOD** —————

Choral Ascription

Let thy word abide in us, O Lord.

First Lesson

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (OT, pp. 559-560 in pew Bible) Elise Jamison

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

My Song is Love Unknown Carolyn Jennings

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs, Sofia Ardalan, conductor; Marilyn Ampe, organist

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should come to earth and die.

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But people turned away,
and none the Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who for my need his life did spend.

With him I'll stay and sing
My song of love divine.
No grief nor love,
O Savior, was e'er like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

-Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)

Time for Children — Doug Snaza

(PreK-4th grade have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Time for Children to the East Wing.)

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25 (NT, p. 155 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Jeffrey T. Foels

Key Changes

(5th-6th graders may exit after the sermon for Tween Transitions in Room 17.)

————— **THE RESPONSE TO GOD** —————

+ **Hymn 332**

Live Into Hope Truro

+ **Affirmation of Faith** – from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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 (Online giving is available. See back cover.)

Offertory Anthem

Walk Together, Children..... Moses Hogan

Walk together children don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promise land.

Gonna walk/shout/sing and never tire!

+ Offertory Response

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end; we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Recessional Hymn 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude..... David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Jim and Silvey Barge, Jan Anderson, Kit Burch, James Brooks,
Pam and Jeff Patterson, Marilyn and Gus Bjorklund

EASTER LILIES in memory or in honor of loved ones may be reserved by contacting the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22. The cost is \$15 per plant. If you do not wish to purchase a plant, an equivalent donation may be made to The House of Hope's Mission Outreach fund. To memorialize or honor loved ones, visit the church office or call 651-227-6311. Memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 1.

STEWARDSHIP 2018 – Coming together to give, grow, serve, welcome – 2018 Stewardship Campaign update. For those of you who like numbers, here goes: we've received pledges from 334 of our member/member families for a total pledge commitment of \$1,083,313 or 86% of the pledge goal. And while an impressive number, it is \$178,952 short of our budgeted goal for 2018 of \$1,262,265. If you haven't yet sent in your 2018 pledge, please make your commitment today. Everyone's pledge is important. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks or you can go to www.hohchurch.org/donate-online to make your commitment online. Thank you.



House of Hope Presbyterian Church welcomes the Reverend Dr. Andrew McDonald as Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff beginning April 1, 2018. The appointment of Dr. McDonald marks the beginning of a time of transition for House of Hope.

The role of a transitional pastor is to guide the church as it refocuses on its life and ministry and prepares to receive a new pastor. The transitional process is a proven path that builds unity and promotes fellowship.

Lenten In-Depth Study

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 28; 7:00 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Led by ordained minister Gordon Stewart, this study will use
Be Still!: Departure from Collective Madness.

Feel free to drop in and out of sessions as your schedule allows.
Books available at each session for \$15.

Text Giving

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.



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The House of Hope
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March 11 - 18, 2018

Adult Enrichment, today at 11:15 a.m. Rev. Dr. Paul Capetz professor of Historical Theology at United Seminary will discuss "Re-Imagining the Reformed Tradition: Responding to Our Different Set of Historical Circumstances as Luther and Calvin did to theirs." Can their view of the past be our own?

Cloister Art Gallery

February 25 - March 25, features Joseph Donovan, a landscape photographer whose black and white photography invites us to experience the serene beauty of nature in unexpected ways.

March Food Drive. 100% of donations go toward feeding the hungry. Leave your non-perishable food items in the shopping carts by the sanctuary doors, or make a donation using a white offering envelope from the pew rack, marking it for the March Food Drive. Text HOH FOOD to 72356, or sign into My HoH and choose Giving. Your food and monetary donations will be split between the food shelves at Neighborhood House and the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. Thank you for your generosity!

March For Our Lives is a national movement stemming from the recent shootings in Parkland, Florida. There will be a rally at the State Capitol on Saturday, March 24 from 10am – noon. The rally is to demand immediate law reform to properly control the availability and use of military-style assault weapons in Minnesota and in the USA. The House of Hope Peace and Justice Committee (P&J) is organizing transportation for our youth, members and friends from the church to the Capitol and back. There is no cost, but registration is required by midnight on Sunday, March 18. For more information and to register, visit the P&J table on Sundays outside Kirk Parlour, or visit www.hohchurch.org.

Women's Retreat: The Waters of Baptism, facilitated by Rev. Dixie Brachlow, will be April 6-8, at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville. All women are invited for this time of reflection and renewal centered around the sacrament of baptism and its meaning for our lives. Register today or March 18 at the table outside the Kirk Parlour. Cost includes two nights lodging and all meals, and is due at the time of registration: \$155 single occupancy, \$125 double occupancy. Only a few spaces are still available so register TODAY.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer at the House of Hope takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Beacon "Table Talks." Beacon Interfaith Collaborative with its 80+ congregations including House of Hope will begin to determine the policy campaigns, housing development efforts and shelter issues the collaborative will work on together. As part of this process, you are invited to participate in the discussion. These small group meetings, called "Table Talks" will be facilitated by HOH members. March 15, 7:30 a.m.- 9 a.m., Room 1; March 25, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Library. Register in the office.

Didier Seminar - SAVE THE DATE: May 18. Macalester College Professor, Dr. J. Andrew Overman, will present: *When Stones Speak: Digging Deeper into Jesus Movements, Formative Judaism and the Rise and Expansion of Islam.*

Kirk Club. Next meeting will be March 18 for a get reacquainted and planning session. Join us in Room 1 at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. The cost is \$10 per person, payable to House of Hope. You should make your reservation with the church office and pay at that time.

Join us for a **Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage to Ireland, September 12-21**. Celtic Footstep, an Irish travel company has customized a pilgrimage for House of Hope members. We will have the opportunity to see the beauty of Ireland and experience Celtic spirituality, music, dance, and hospitality. The trip will provide time to gather and learn, as well as quiet time to nurture our hearts and souls. Please contact Reverend Julia Carlson for more information at JuliaC@hohchurch.org or (651) 223-7553. ***We welcome your registration and your deposit as soon as possible so that Celtic Footstep can move ahead with their preparations. Thank you.***

Week Beginning March 11, 2018

Sunday, March 11, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
- 9:00 a.m. Baptism Class, Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Godly Play, Rooms 5 and 7
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday Studio, Dining Rooms A&B
- 10:30 a.m. Tween Transitions, Room 17
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. High School, Youth Room
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Room 9
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Expressions, Dining Rms A&B

Monday, March 12, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Anchor Deadline (for April)
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. Faith & Fibers, Library
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House 3rd Floor

- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten In-Depth Study, Kirk Parlour

Thursday, March 15, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 7:30 a.m. Peace and Justice "Table Talks", Room 1
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for March 25)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 4:00 p.m. Budget Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. Third Thursday Group, Woman's Advocates

Friday, March 16, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House
- 7:30 p.m. High School Lock-in, Youth Room

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Julia Carlson, preaching
- 11:15 p.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 p.m. New Member Class, Library
- 12:15 p.m. Kirk Club, Room 1

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

The God of Abraham Praise

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Daniel ben Judah, 1404
 Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Thomas Olivers
 and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;
 3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!
 In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,
 We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.
 The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

Praise God for the liv - ing Word.

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Luke 4:16-20

LIFE IN CHRIST

Live Into Hope

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Thomas Williams, 1789

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

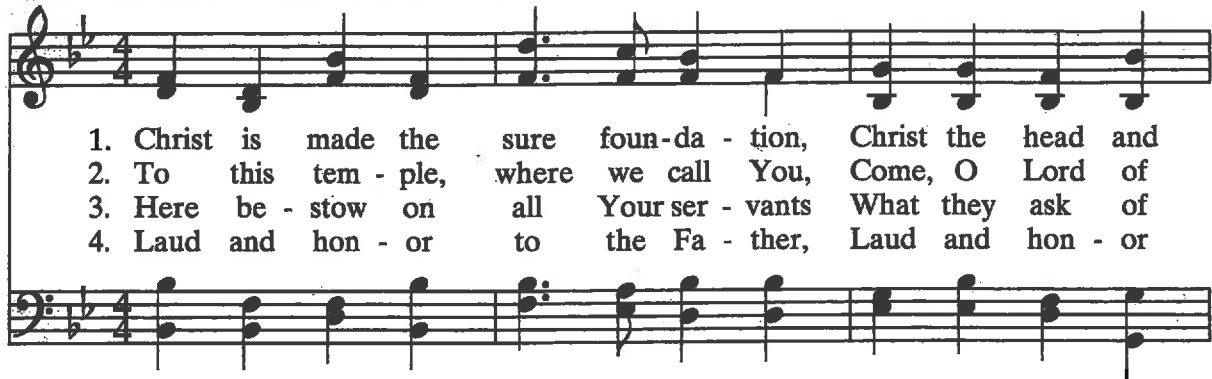
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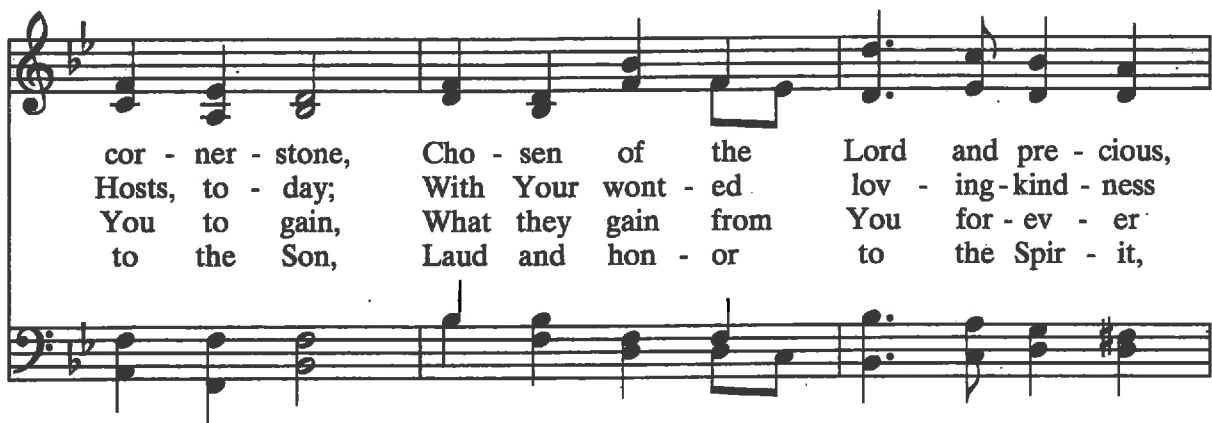
7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

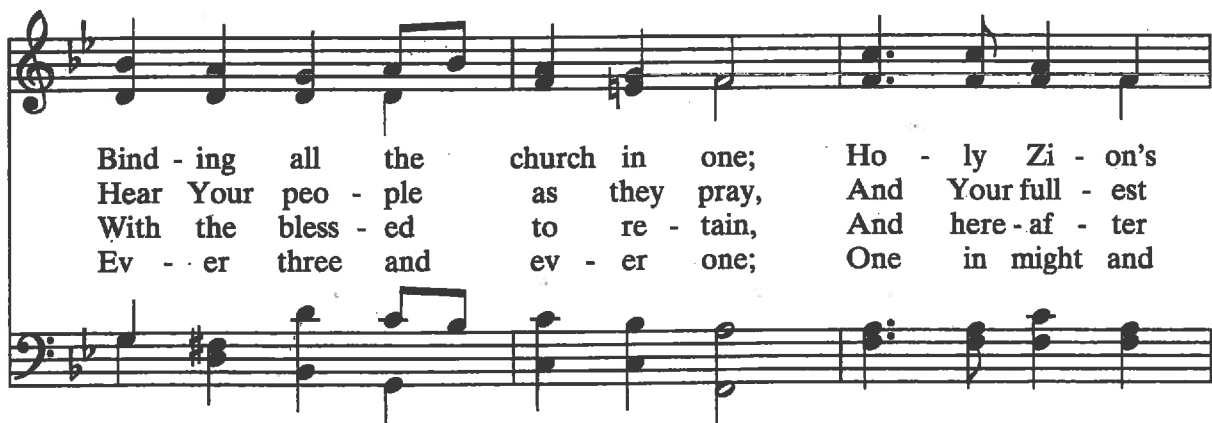
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



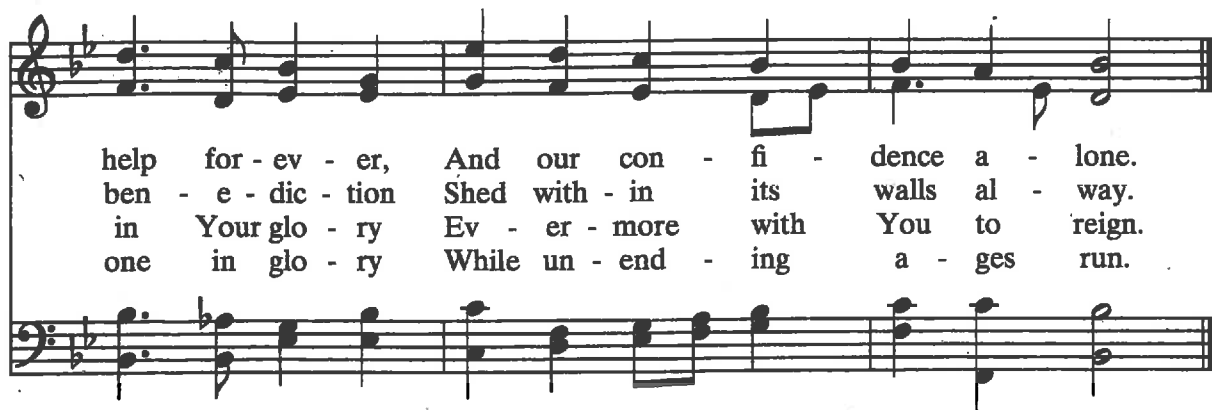
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and



help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.