God Is Here!



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



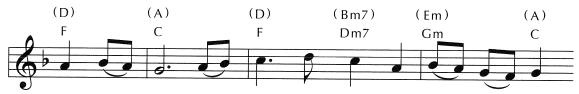
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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



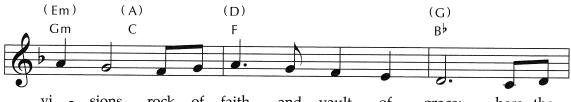
- Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can Let us build house where a proph - ets speak, and words are
- build Let us house where love found in wa - ter, build Let us house where a hands will reach be yond the
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe ly live, place where saints and chil dren tell strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek wine, wheat: and a ban - quet hall on ho ly ground wood and stone heal to and strength-en, and teach, serve vi sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



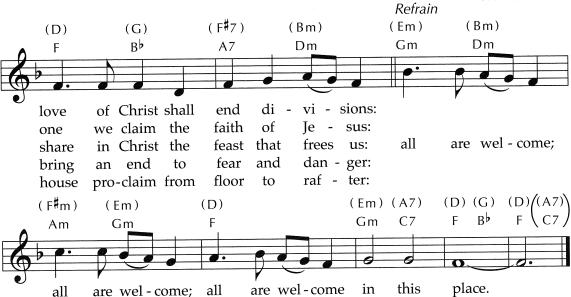
how hearts learn to for give. Built of hopes and dreams and dream God's reign Here the cross shall stand new. a where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through and the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the words with - in Word. Built of tears and the cries and



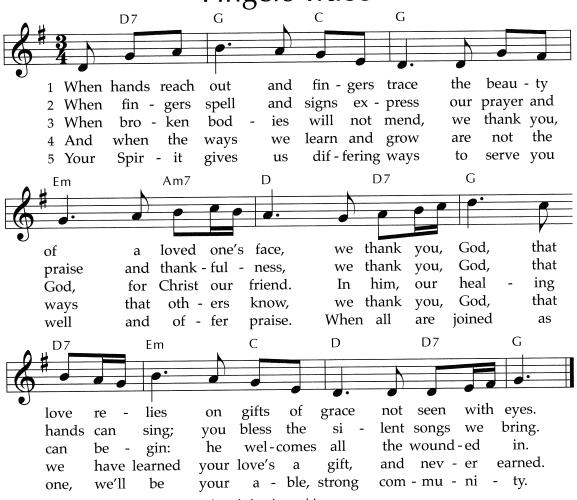
vi sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the wit ness and sym as bol of God's grace; here as Тe sus. is re - vealed in time and space; as we strang - er bear the im of God's age face; let us laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

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 worshiping community.





When Hands Reach Out and 302 Fingers Trace



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

