

Hymn 316**“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.

2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son. As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

4 Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Song After Children’s Time “As Each New Horizon Beckons”

As each new horizon beckons, may it challenge them anew, children of creative purpose, helping others love the Lord. May their dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give them guidance till their lives and yours are one.

Hymn 683**“Lord of All Hopefulness”**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jeremiah 6:13-15

For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, ‘Peace, peace’ when there is no peace. They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not ashamed, they did not know how to blush.

Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.

Philippians 4:11b-13

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.