

+ *Gather Us In*

2236 (Sing the Faith)

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away, but
Here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

+ *We Know That Christ is Raised*

495 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia! Amen.

+ Doxology

592 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

+ *God Bless Your Church With Strength* (alternate tune) **# 418** (Presbyterian Hymnal)

God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work In common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith To venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise Of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, Abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, In freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light A pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim, And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, Assured our God is there!