

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

124 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, NJ 08542-3224

Office (609) 924-1666 ♦ Fax (609) 924-0365

E-mail: witherspoon@verizon.net

Website: www.witherspoonchurch.org

Rev. Sharyl Dixon, Guest Preacher
Angela Witcher, Lector
Edin Orellana, Sexton

Fumi Nakamae Korodan, Director of Music
Chun Tong, Guest Organist
Cynthia Parker, Office Manager

July 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Organ Instrumental

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Spirit gathers us

We are not alone

God's Spirit calls us

We are to discern together God's will

God's Spirit sends us

We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior

GATHERING HYMN

Praise my Soul, the God of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8)

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our

**passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest.
Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

(PH #579)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

WELCOME OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

MEN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS

*Leaning on Everlasting Arms
Give Me Jesus*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illumine us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1-18

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many

members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

SERMON *Could You Use an Ear? I Could Use
a Hand.*

Sharyl Dixon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Organ Instrumental

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

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.

SENDING HYMN

They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

AMEN

Traditional

POSTLUDE

Organ Instrumental

Today’s liturgy was created by Teri McDowell Ott (*The Presbyterian Outlook*).

**OFFICE HOURS 112 WITHERSPOON ST.
M-F 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

The CDC's most recent COVID Community Levels for Mercer County remain Low. Witherspoon's COVID protocols for in-church worship service going forward are that **masks are optional for in church worship for low risk parishioners and are highly recommended for people at high risk for severe illness in consultation with their health care providers.** Hand sanitizing before entering the sanctuary and social distancing within each pew such as sitting on the ends or in the middle of a pew are in effect. Self health screening at home is encouraged prior to worship. If you are not well, please stay at home and contact your healthcare provider. Witherspoon will continue to monitor our COVID Community Levels weekly and update our protocols when the levels change.

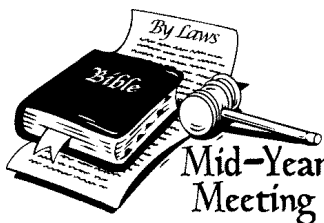


WELCOME – The Elders and Deacons of Witherspoon warmly welcome all worshipers. Our fellowship is enriched by your presence. If you do not have a church home of your own, we do sincerely invite you to be a part of our fellowship. Please contact the church office if you are interested in church membership or if you want to be added to the church e-mail distribution list. (witherspoon@verizon.net or 609-924-1666)



WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE! “Like” our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/WitherspoonStreetChurch>)

to get the latest updates on your wall. Share your WSPC comments, photos and videos. If you want pictures added or notices posted please send an email to the church office (witherspoon@verizon.net).



MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will immediately follow the service this **Sunday, July 23.** Everyone is urged to attend.

GIVING TO WITHERSPOON STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Support our mission using your credit or debit card. On our church website, click on the *Give Now* button. **WWW.WITHERSPOONCHURCH.ORG** <http://bit.ly/WSPCGive>

For those who prefer to give through the mail, please send your donations to: 112 Witherspoon St., Princeton NJ 08542

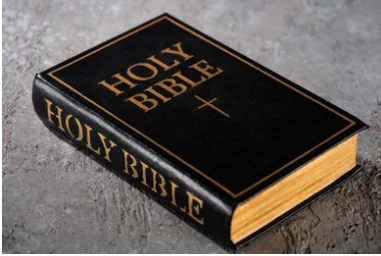


GUEST PREACHER SHARYL DIXON

For 31 years, Sharyl (rhymes with Carl) has served churches and communities in Northern California, Aberdeen, Scotland, Brooklyn NY, Upper Bucks County Pennsylvania and presently as pastor in the village of Kingston. She is also pleased to be serving Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church as your session Moderator and as the chair of the WSPC Administrative Commission.

Sharyl is passionate about hearing and learning people's stories, connecting people and their faith, while serving neighbors, and making sure others know God's love. Mentoring, coaching, working with seminarians, leading workshops to encourage church leaders (lay and ordained), allows her to partner in the Presbyteries and Synods she has served in sharing her gifts beyond the congregations she has been called alongside.

Aside from being a Northern Californian in exile, Sharyl is a proud aunt and loves to read, kayak, and test new recipes. She also finds great joy being married to Philadelphia's favorite John Adams historical interpreter, Peyton Dixon, and taking walks with their rescue dog, Baxter.



SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to connect with us each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. to study and discuss scripture. All are welcome to be with us as we learn together.

July 22 Isaiah 50 & 51

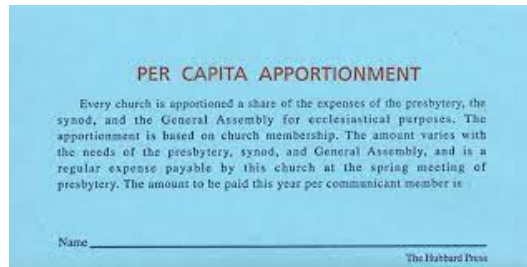
July 29 Isaiah 52 & 53



VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Do you have a gift that God gave you? Do you feel led to share it with us at Church? Volunteer Musicians for all instruments are needed to add to our Music Ministry for Sunday and Special Worship Services. Volunteer guitar player(s) (amplified, non-amplified or electric) are also needed for select Sunday Worship Music. We encourage you to come, rehearse and play with us!

Please contact main office 609-924-1666 to share your gifts with Witherspoon!



2023 PER CAPITA \$40

Mail to 112 Witherspoon St., Princeton NJ 08542

or pay on-line <http://bit.ly/WSPCGive>

The Session asks Witherspoon Leadership and Congregation members to participate in the **2023 Per Capita Campaign**.

Witherspoon's expected 2023 contribution is **\$4,720**, Or \$40 x 118 members.

Per Capita contribution supports the work of three parts of our Presbyterian Church:

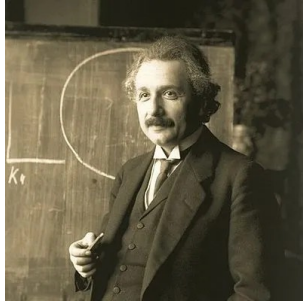
- 1. The PC(USA)** - 2022 RGJ-08 - Apology to African Americans for White Supremacy - Supports Reparations -- **Strategic Initiative that will benefit Witherspoon**
- 2. The Synod of the Northeast** - 2015 settled Robeson House Mortgage with a \$170,000 Gift; 2023 and 2024 Innovation Grants of \$15k, \$7500 supporting Joint WSPC - NPC Bending the Moral Arc Courageous Conversations.
- 3. The Presbytery of the Coastlands** - Provided the 2023 Administrative Commission, 2022 Investigative Commission, and Permanent Judicial Commission. This year, our three Commissioners are participating as trustees, on committees, and in meetings to secure Witherspoon's **Voice and Vote**.

As of **June or midyear**, of Witherspoon's **\$4,720**, members and friends have provided **\$1,600**, leaving **\$3,120**.

We ask each member to give **\$40 per family member**. Those who can provide another **\$40** or more for those who cannot, please do so.

Your generosity will be appreciated. The Presbytery tracks and reports Per Capita Collections quarterly starting **at the beginning of the fiscal year**, so making your contribution **Today** would be appreciated.

Those who want more information can consult the [Presbytery of the Coastlands 2023 Report on Per Capita](#), which presents contributions collected to date by the congregation. [Find more descriptive information at this LINK](#)



Join the **Witherspoon Jackson Historical and Cultural Society (WJHCS)** and the nascent **Princeton Einstein Museum of Science (PEMS)** in viewing the "Albert Einstein: Champion of Racial Justice and Equality" exhibit. It is the first of three annual mini exhibits to be presented by PEMS as it prepares to open in 2026. The show is on view on the **second floor of the Princeton Public Library until August 1.**

For more information: <https://princetoninstitute.org/exhibit-concepts/exhibits/>

WATCH SERVICE ON WSPC NEW WEBSITE
WSPC website <https://www.witherspoonchurch.org>

A MESSAGE FROM WITHERSPOON'S TECH/MEDIA TEAM:

Witherspoon is transitioning to a new streaming platform and Tech/Media staffing. Periodically we will not be able to stream to Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. **On this Sunday July 23, 2023 we will be streaming the Worship Service to Zoom and to YouTube.** We will continue to update our streaming availability weekly.

WITHERSPOON'S TECH/MEDIA TEAM
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OPERATING THE SANCTUARY TECHNOLOGY TO LIVE STREAM THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAYS? JOIN OUR TECH MEDIA TEAM AND LEARN HOW TO BRING WITHERSPOON'S MESSAGE TO OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR ONLINE VIEWERS!!

EMAIL witherspoon@verizon.net FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SCHEDULE TRAINING LESSONS!!



CHOIRS CONTINUE WITH A NEW SCHEDULE!!

We are continuing all Choirs rehearsing and singing at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church during Worship Service with a new schedule!!

Both **CHOIR MEMBERS** and **NEW SINGING AND VERSE SPEAKING VOICES** are invited to join in fellowship in our **MUSIC MINISTRY** to meet, greet and work with Fumi Korodan our Music Director and Cecelia Hodges our Verse Speaking Choir Director to sing, speak in verse and review planned rehearsals, repertoire, scripts and upcoming music and verse speaking events. All are welcome to audition.

All are welcome to join us in rehearsal to prepare to perform at any time that you are inspired to begin membership in our Music Ministry! Please look forward to upcoming announcements about the new choir rehearsal schedule.

All Choir rehearsals will begin promptly at their designated rehearsal times.

Our **MENS CHORUS** will be on hiatus until **October**, when they will rehearse on **Sundays** following Chancel Choir Rehearsal. The estimated starting time for Men's Choir rehearsal is 12:30 p.m. **Everyone is invited to sing.**

The **VERSE SPEAKING CHOIR** will be on hiatus in July and August and will return for rehearsals and performances in September.


Our **CHANCEL CHOIR** will rehearse on **Sundays at 11:30 a.m.** and will perform Anthems and Hymns on Sundays to be determined. Everyone is invited to sing. The **CHOIR** will sing next in July with date to be determined.

For additional information and inspiration please contact front office

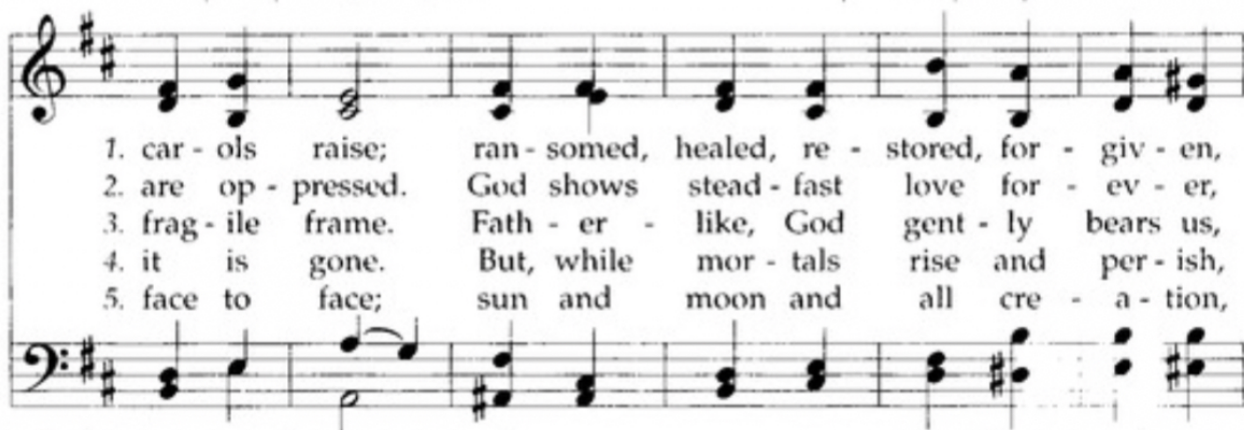
This Week at Witherspoon

Today	Worship - Guest Preacher Sharyl Dixon	10:00 AM
	Mid-Year Congregational Meeting	11:00 AM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	12:30 PM
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Sunday Worship Planning Group (via Zoom)	5:45 PM
Thursday	Worship and Music Committee (via Zoom)	5:30 PM
Friday		
Saturday	Saturday Morning Bible Study (via Zoom)	10:00 AM
Next Sunday	Worship - Guest Preacher Lissette Gonzalez Sosa	10:00 AM

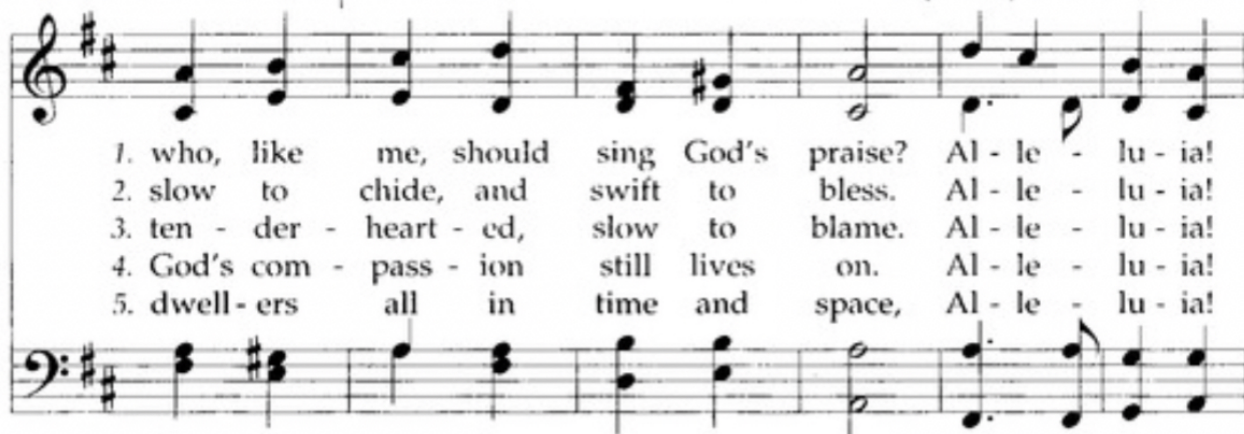
23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



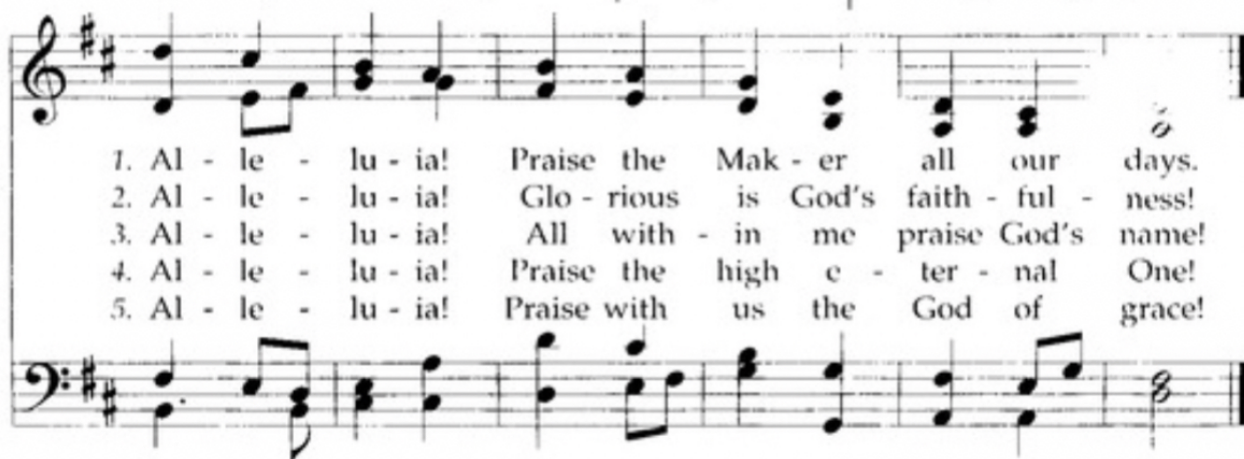
1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and
 5. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God



1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high c - ter - nal One!
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes

VERSE

♩ = 56

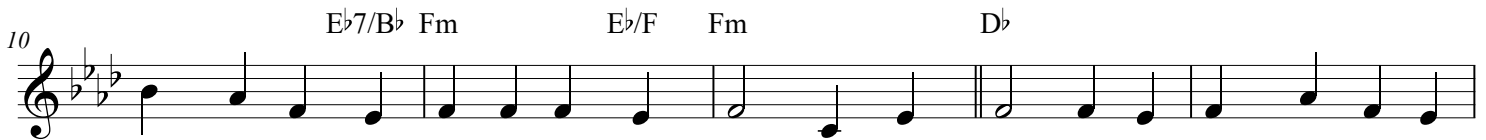


1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come; And all



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son. And all praise to the

CHORUS



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
spread the news that God is in our land.
dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride.
Spir - it, who makes us one.



love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

CCLI Song # 26997

© Words: 1966 F.E.L. Publications. Assigned 1991 The Lorenz Corporation | Music: 1966 F.E.L. Publications. Assigned 1991 The Lorenz Corporation
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 21877392